

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Lord Jesus, may your light shine upon our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of the nations, the Savior of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. —Frank Colquhoun

GATHER

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on “Houston” Rebecca Groom teVelde

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

We have seen a star in the East!

God is with us. Light has come!

The wise men followed the star to worship the king.

God is with us. Light has come!

Now we follow the light into the world.

God is with us. Christ has come.

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *(see insert)*

The First Nowell

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Eternal God,

by a star you led Magi to the worship of your Son.

Guide the nations of the earth by your light,

that the whole world may see your glory,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 8:12

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GOD’S OFFERING OF STAR GIFTS

*RESPONSE *Lift Up Your Hearts* 107

Come, Light, Light of God

Tune: COME, LIGHT OF GOD

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Jesus, the Magi saw you,

we see you in the Bible,

and the whole world can see you in the creation.

As we see you,

we also look at ourselves

and see that we do not always obey you.

Forgive us for not following you.

Free us from our sin for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE John 1:9, 12

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO WORSHIP CENTER (11:00)

SONG *Lift Up Your Hearts* 730 (vs. 1) (11:00)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Tune: HOUSTON

HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION *(see insert)* (vs. 1-3)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

SERMON

“A Star for Insiders and Outsiders”

RESPOND

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

arr. by Richard Shephard

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

’Tis sent announcing a new King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

’Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed;” and lo!
the eastern sages stand, to read in heav’n the Lord’s command.

While outward signs the star displays, and inward light the Lord conveys,
and urges them, with force benign, to seek the giver of the sign.

O, while the star of heav’nly grace invites us, Lord, to seek thy face,
may we no more that grace repel, or quench that light which shines so well!

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.
—John Chandler

*DOXOLOGY *Lift Up Your Hearts* 105 (vs. 1)

As with Gladness Men of Old

Tune: DIX

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Revealing God,...singing their hymn of unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

God of wonder,...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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Bless the Lord, My Soul

Tune: BLESS THE LORD SOUL

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Lift Up Your Hearts* 104 (vs. 1)

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Tune: SALZBURG

*BENEDICTION *(responsively)*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

since the Lord has fed us in the scripture and at the table,

let us now depart with thanksgiving.

O Lord, let your servants depart in peace,

according to your word.

For our eyes have seen your salvation,

a light of revelation to all people.

POSTLUDE Recessional on “Christe sanctorum”

David Blackwell

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Joyce Fry, liturgists; Loretta Sue Krieger, prayer of illumination; Matins Choir; Sanctuary Choir; Linda Strouf, Minster of Music.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Sunday School and 11:00 Worship Center resume today, January 6, 2019. Young Levites will be held next Sunday, January 13. LIFT (Life In Faith Together – Wednesday, midweek program) will begin again on January 16, with dinner being served at 5:30. We look forward to sharing faith with your families during 2019!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CHOIR: Just a reminder to parents that each Sunday our Children’s Choir for Preschool – 2nd Grade begins at 9:45 A.M. and our Youth Choir (TRC Singers) for 3rd-5th Grades begins at 9:25 A.M. Sunday Morning Live for children and youth (3rd grade and up) begins at 9:45 with Sunday School following for all children and youth at 10:00. Please try to have your child(ren) here promptly at these times. Thank you.

LIFT ELEMENTARY PROGRAM: This winter the children of LIFT will “escape” the cold and head to the beach for “Surf’s Up,” our winter 2019 LIFT “summer-time” adventure! At the beach we will meet some cool surfing dudes who will introduce us to Jesus’ Beatitudes. The Beatitudes can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus. Our Wednesday LIFT program begins again on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Our community dinner is at 5:30 p.m.; and our children’s program (ages 4-5th Grade) runs from 6:15-7:30. Don’t miss the fun! Grab your surf board and a friend and join us at the beach for “Surf’s Up!” an adventure you won’t want to miss!

Congregational News

COMMUNITY-WIDE BI-LINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE: Everyone is invited to attend a worship service in observance of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to be held at 5pm on Sunday, January 20, at St. Francis de Sales Church at 171 West 13th Street in Holland. The service will feature the Holland Ecumenical Choir, which consists of more than 60 singers from 18 area congregations. Rev. Ryan Wittingham of Zion Lutheran Church will be preaching, and Rev. Charles Brown of St. Francis will be presiding. This service is being organized by Holland Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP). Let us together pray for the fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer “that all may be one” (John 17:21)

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Visitors please stop by the Welcome Center and then join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Joyce Mott and Greg Dykhouse will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters/Juice Servers-Gretchen Munroe, Katherine Hunsberger. Deacons: (8:30) Susan Formsma, Habeeb Awad (11:00) Harper Schoon-Tanis, Joel Schoon-Tanis, Mike Norman, Dan Callam.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Andy & Jane Zoerman.

EDUCATION HOUR, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,

nursery care available

Preschool/Kindergarten	room 15	1st & 2nd Grades	room 6
3rd Grade	room 10	4th & 5th Grades	room 17
6th-8th grades	room 11	Senior High	Youth Room
TRC Singers & Children's Choir	room 7		
Sunday Morning Live	Youth Room		

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 9:40-10:40

Bible Study: "The Presence of the Future-The Book of Revelation and the Life of Discipleship Today" Led by George Hunsberger & Pastor Kent Fry

Spiritual Formation Class: This class follows the lectionary passage of the day, according to "Seasons of the Spirit." Pastor Kama Jongerius, facilitator. Meet in the Centennial Room downstairs.

Chapel Class: "Acton Institute" led by Rick Capotosto. Next Week: "Latin America: Geography and History" led by Roberto Venegas.

WORSHIP CENTER PROGRAM: During the 8:30 service, Worship Center will be provided on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. During the 11:00 service, there will be only one Worship Center open for all children, aged 4-2nd grade, provided each Sunday. It will take place in Room 2 (Previously the older Worship Center room). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the church office. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Matins Choir
9:25 a.m. TRC Singers
9:45 a.m. Children's Choir
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Classes
9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Live
10:00 a.m. Children/Youth Education Classes
4:45 p.m. Carillon Choir

Monday

7:30 p.m. Music Team

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Hannah/Elizabeth Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Lydia Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Saints
8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers
1:30 p.m. Rachel Bible Study
6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Saturday
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Lois Hunt

Congregational News

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the requests in the prayer box or offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please let the church staff know when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Bea Rozeboom in death of her husband, Cal, on December 29.

Sympathy is extended to Kathy and Fred Van Tubbergen in the death of Kathy's brother, Daniel Bakker, on December 23 in Vancouver, WA.

A service in memory of Lois Hunt will be held on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Eileen Resch has returned home from the hospital. Hospice Care-Frank Pettinga, Walter Thome. Hallmark Living-Elizabeth Bennett; American House-Arlene Barton; Royal Park Artrium-Isabelle Hanse. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

The New Age of Gender and Sexuality: Following today's 11:00 worship service, Hava Zuidema will be presenting on emerging issues of gender and sexuality. Join us in the youth room to learn about the gender spectrum, sexuality, and similar topics. Soup and bread will be provided.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sign up today in the Gathering Place to give blood at the Blood Drive on Monday, January 14, 12:00-5:45 p.m.

SNOWBIRDS: Please call the church office, 392-1459, and let us know what your winter address is so we can keep in touch with you while you're gone.

FLOWER CALENDAR: If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone for the Sunday worship services, please sign up on the flower chart in the church office or call the church office, 392-1459.

LIFT: LIFT (Life in Faith Together) dinner and classes will resume for the second semester on Wednesday, January 16 Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Classes for children begin at 6:15 and for youth and adults at 6:30 p.m. Classes for adults include: a discussion based class on podcast "Code Switch", Sanctuary Choir, Knitting Ministry, Bilingual Prayer & Share Group, White Privilege Class. **LIFT WEATHER POLICY:** If Holland Public Schools are cancelled on a Wednesday due to weather there will be no LIFT dinner or classes. Cancellations will be announced on WOOD TV 8 and the church website.

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