

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Julia Huisman, organ*

WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SONG OF WORSHIP "The First Noel"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world, but  
we choose darkness  
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.  
Have mercy upon us and forgive us of our sin.

*(A brief period of silence for personal prayers of confession)*

God of glory,  
baptize us with your Spirit, that,  
forgiven and renewed,  
we may preach your Word to the nations  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE "Grace"

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The Rev. Dr. James Mead, Guest Preacher*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON "The Magi Among Us"

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE "Epiphany (Greensleeves)"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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