Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship Reader

Arise, shine: for your light has come. Behold the glory of the Lord. Alleluia!

*Gathering Song Kings 151 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed but we have placed our trust in the violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

January 7,2024

Phyllis Wachunis, Lay

We Three

*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6	See insert
Anthem Choir	Come Share The Lord	Chancel
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	See Insert
Message Dunn	Searching For The Child	Rev. Edward
*Responding Song	We Three Kings	151
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light! Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)		
Receiving our Offering		
*Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
*Prayer Of Dedication		
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Invitation		

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sharing the gifts of Bread and Wine

Prayer

*Sending Song As with Gladness 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 be led to thee. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

*Blessing

Forth Into Joy

Woody Johnson

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