

Welcome to West Baptist Church

Epiphany Sunday – Communion of Our Lord – Year B
Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 9:30 AM



Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
Star and angels gave the sign.

~Christina Rossetti

All who are able, please stand

*please join with the congregation in reading the **bolded** text aloud.*

PRELUDE Sylvester Skipper

GREETING AND WELCOME Stephanie Wyatt

*Greeting of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Isaiah 60*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. The LORD will rise upon you and God's glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. Amen.

*HYMN #108 "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say" THE FIRST NOEL

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer followed by 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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1–12

RESPONSE

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God within Us

For the Word of God among Us

Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE "Epiphany is for Everyone" Stephanie Wyatt

*HYMN (Insert) "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT

SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE (See Insert)

OFFERING OLD HUNDREDTH

*Epiphany Doxology – note different lyrics

Praise God the source of life and breath;

Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;

Praise Holy Spirit's mystery:

One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL OFFERING AND CLOTHING CLOSET GIFTS

*HYMN #123 "Little Baby Jesus, Born in Bethlehem" YULE SPIRITUAL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sylvester Skipper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning –

Choir Practice @ 9:00 am

Next Sunday –

Jan. 14th, 2018

Worship at 9:30am

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, Jan. 21st, 2018

Worship at 9:30am

Annual Church Business Meeting

Potluck Lunch

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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Long ago, on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is give for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After super, Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many. Do this, and as often as you drink it, do so in remembrance of me.”

May this bread and this wine open us to the presence of the Holy Spirit who nourishes, renews and makes us whole.

Bread broken. Wine poured out, for the life of the world.

All are welcome. Take and eat for all things are ready.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Ushers will distribute the bread and juice. Please wait to consume each element until all congregants have received their portion and the pastor offers the invitation to eat.)

INVITATION TO EAT & DRINK

(There will be two invitations: one for the bread and one for the cup.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You sent a star to guide the magi to the manger where Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, have led persons from far places to you. **We give thanks for your loving guidance and patience leading us each step of the way.**

Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth, about whose birth the angles proclaimed, “Peace on Earth, Good Will to All People.”

As Christmastide ends and Epiphany begins, **let the light of the Christ Child continue to burn brightly in our hearts, reminding us of the hope and new life that you bring about each day.** And may this light illuminate our journeys even in the coldest days of winter. **Amen.**

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