

**10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**AS WE GATHER**

Throughout the ages, the Gospel story of Christ has been shared in spoken, written, and sung words. Each season of the Church Year is blessed by those sacred words. The Epiphany season recalls a journey by Magi to visit and worship the infant Jesus and to bring Him gifts. This day we have made a journey to this place to do the same. With the Magi of old we share the wonder of the Epiphany, as God with us—Immanuel—is shown forth.

**“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

Preservice #1

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life.  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

**(Repeat)**

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" written by Rick Founds 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc. Scripture Reference: Hebrews 2:12; Genesis 46:28 CCLI Song: 117947 CCLI License: 51072

**“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”**

Preservice #2

**Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly know You now**

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## **BELLS – CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **✂ PREPARATION ✂**

**“By Faith”**

Opening Song

**By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign**

**We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave**

**By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth**

**We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name**

**We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
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"By Faith" writteh by Keith Ketty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart TownendGetty Music PublishingScripture Reference: Isaiah 38:3CCLI Song: 469291CCLI License: 51072

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Based on John 1:4–5, 9; 8:12

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**People:** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**Pastor:** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

**People:** **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Let us make confession to God our Father, the source of light and love, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth receives His blessings and gifts. Assured of His great mercy, let us acknowledge together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds have sinned against God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**People:** **Almighty God, we know that we are by nature sinful and that daily we transgress Your holy Law. We repent of all sins in thought and in word and in deed. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we walk in Your light and with renewed spirits serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Out of His glorious riches, the Lord strengthen you with grace through his Spirit, that Christ shall dwell in your hearts through faith.

**People: Amen!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 60:1–6

On page 1155 in NIV pew Bible      page 4 in this worship folder

### **CHOIR:**

“The Wonder of The Star”

**Matthew 2:1-2** - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

### **EPISTLE**

Ephesians 3:1–12

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### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1–12

On page 1497 in NIV pew Bible      page 5 in this worship folder

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## “Epiphany Carol”

Sermon Song

**Gifts to Jesus gratefully bring!  
Songs for Jesus lovingly sing!  
God among us  
Born to save us!  
Hail Him as Lord and King!**

*Refrain:*

**Oh! By the wonder of His birth,  
Jesus is God’s gift to earth!  
May our living  
And our giving  
Witness to the Savior’s worth!**

**Gifts of gold His Kingship endow.  
All the earth before Him shall bow—  
Kneel before Him  
And adore Him!  
Worship His glory now!**

*Refrain*

**Frankincense His deity owns—  
Fragrance chosen for God alone.  
Prayers ascending!  
Praises blending!  
Bring Him the best gifts known!**

*Refrain*

**Myrrh to ease the burden of pain—  
Precious gift to soothe and sustain.  
Balm as blessing,  
Faith confessing.  
Sing out hope’s glad.**

*Refrain*

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## CATECHISM

*On Sundays throughout the year we will briefly review Luther’s Small Catechism.  
Today we begin with the First Commandment and Its Meaning on page 321.*

## SERMON

“Where Is The King?”

## INSTALLATION OF SERVANT-LEADERS

*(All women and men who serve on our Church Council and Boards are installed and supported in prayer, including those continuing to serve.)*

## OFFERING

“Bless this Offering”

Offering Song

**God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

**May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.**

**Give us courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.**

**God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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## 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Closing Song

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.**

*Refrain*

**The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.**

*Refrain*

**Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.**

*Refrain*

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