

# CHRISTMAS

A CHILD BORN AMONG US



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY  
GATHERS AND GROWS

Sunday, January 2, 2022

# Epiphany of Our Lord

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(\* indicates the assembly stands  
\*\* indicates singing is encouraged)

### Gathering

Prelude "Tone Poem on Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle" R. Warner

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 300\*\* "The First Noel"

\*Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise 310 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"  
(read antiphonally by full verse)

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Where the Promise Shines" B. Moore

### Word

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14 (see page 4) (read antiphonally by full verse)

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 171

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day WOV646\*\* "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

\*Nicene Creed pg. 104

Music for Reflection "All Poor Men and Humble" R. Warner

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer**

\*Peace

## Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving 301 v. 1-3

*“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

**A: we give you thanks and praise.**

\*Lord’s Prayer (*“Our Father in heaven...”*)

p. 221

## Sending

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 302\*\*

*“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“The First Noel”*

D. Pearl

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**The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”)** concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

**Welcome to worship this morning**, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour live-streamed via our website.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus-<sup>1</sup>tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to<sup>1</sup> the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your<sup>1</sup> people righteously  
and the<sup>1</sup> poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity<sup>1</sup> to the people,  
and the<sup>1</sup> hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a-<sup>1</sup>mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush<sup>1</sup> the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and<sup>1</sup> moon endure,  
from one generation<sup>1</sup> to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon<sup>1</sup> the mown field,  
like showers that wa-<sup>1</sup>ter the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the<sup>1</sup> righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall<sup>1</sup> be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the<sup>1</sup> isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba<sup>1</sup> offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow<sup>1</sup> down before him,  
and all the nations<sup>1</sup> do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out<sup>1</sup> in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who<sup>1</sup> have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the low-<sup>1</sup>ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives<sup>1</sup> of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he re-<sup>1</sup>deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood<sup>1</sup> in his sight.**

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister & violinist:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** John McLellan

**Diaconal Minister of Music :** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Vocalists:** Erika & Jim Sattler

**Radio Operator:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

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## Worship Notes

In our prayers Susan, Marie, Walter, Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

### Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in

the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.

- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

## General Announcements

**Parking at 39 Church Street.** Due to the closing of the sale of our 39/51 Church Street properties, the surface parking lot across the street is no longer ours to use and members should now park either at our main lot beside the church or in the Parking Garage on Charles Street. Parking at the garage is free on Sundays. Please consider using the parking garage if you are able, in order to keep space available at the 54 Benton St. parking lot for those who need to park closer. Please note that continuing to park at the 39 Church Street lot will be at your own risk. Thank you for understanding!

**2022 Boxed Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup until January 9, 2022 in the Sanctuary basement by the contact tracing area. Any offerings received in a 2022 envelope during 2021 will be held until 2022 for processing. After January 9, please go to the church office during office hours, Mon.-Fri., 10 am-noon & 1-3 pm for your box. We appreciate your cooperation in taking your box as soon as possible. Please note that the designation “Benevolence” has been replaced with the wording “Eastern Synod and wider church”. While the wording has been updated, there is no change to where this money will go. It is still a “Benevolence” offering, forwarded to the Eastern Synod office for ministry and mission work in the Synod, across the ELCIC and throughout the world via the Lutheran World Federation and CLWR. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Simplified Guides to Worship.** You may have noticed our Guides to Worship look a little different! Starting the new Church Year (Nov. 28th), the guide covers we have been using for many years are no longer able to be purchased. Pastor Carey has prepared seasonal cover pages based on art contained in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" books. Also, as we have excellent lectors, it was found that we do not need the readings printed in the Guides. The readings of Scripture in worship are meant to be heard communally, and not read individually. Furthermore, the costs of purchasing the covers will be saved.

If you would still like to follow along with the readings, there are Bibles available to borrow at the back of the Sanctuary (pulpit side), or you may consider one of many smartphone apps that contain the NRSV translation which we use in worship (such as “Olive Tree”). Any Congregational Psalms will be printed within the Guides.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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