



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019

## Westminster Peal

Prelude

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

arr. by Mark Hayes

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

*Please take this time to pass the blue friendship pads located at the end of the pew.*

*If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.*

Introit

*"Sing of God Made Manifest"*

by Carl Daw, Jr., Jakob Hintze, J.S. Bach

*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold gave and God and king foretold.*

### † Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Haynes

One: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

**All: *Darkness has been banished!***

One: God's light of hope floods the earth.

**All: *God's light comes to us all.***

One: Lord, make us ready to journey to this light.

**All: *Prepare our hearts to receive this light.***

### † Hymn No. 66

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

### † Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Elder Rita Sheffey

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,  
but we have preferred to live in darkness.**

**Your justice protects the weak and distressed,  
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.**

**Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,  
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.**

**Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,  
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.**

**Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon** Elder Sheffey  
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.  
**People:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† **Response** (*refrain*) "Angels We Have Heard on High" (hymn no. 23)  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo;**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

† **Passing of the Peace** Elder Sheffey  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All:** **And also with you.**  
*Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.*

## THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination** Elizabeth Small

**Gospel Lesson** (p.1 NT) Matthew 2:1-12 Elizabeth Small

**Anthem/Special Music** "What Star is This?" arr. Michael Bedford  
*What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.  
Thus spake the prophet from afar, who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
And eastern sages with amaze, upon the wondrous token gaze.  
The guiding star above is bright, within them shines a clearer light,  
And leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.  
To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Holy Ghost we raise, our equal and unceasing praise.*

**Old Testament Lesson** (p. 649 OT) Isaiah 60:1-6 Rev. Haynes  
One: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Arise. Shine. Light. Glory. Rev. Haynes

† **Hymn No. 263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

## THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

**Sacrament of The Lord's Supper** Rev. Haynes

### Invitation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor will invite you forward to receive communion. Please follow the row in front of you down the middle aisles. The pastor will be serving gluten free bread. After you have received  
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communion, place your cup in the basket and return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand.  
\*When receiving communion, you may respond with "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or in silence.

Pastor: It is right and our joy... God with us.

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Pastor: At his birth... shining still.

***Christ has died.***

***Christ has risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Pastor: Gracious God... triune name of God... ***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.***

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Offering**

Offertory

*"Les Barricades Mystérieuses"*

by François Couperin

† **Response**

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Christ, all people here below;***

***Praise Holy Spirit evermore;***

***Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Elizabeth Small

### **SENDING**

† **Closing Hymn No. 411**

*"Arise, Your Light Has Come"*

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response**

*"Amen"*

(hymn no. 583)

† **Postlude**

*"Service Postlude in C"*

by Eugene Thayer

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† Those who are able, please stand



## MVPC Mission Statement

### Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

### Financial Update

	Week of 12/23 - 12/31	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$40,340	\$669,943	\$695, 545
Loose Offering	\$113	\$5,053	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,453</b>	<b>\$674,996</b>	<b>\$702, 545</b>

\*The report that was in the weekly email incorrectly included money that was given to special offerings such as the Kirk Center renovation. The above numbers report member giving only to the MVPC operating budget.



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