

**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
Epiphany Sunday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2023

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . . "Be still and know that I am God. "*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude "Rise Up Shepherds" arr. Hayes

\* Call to Worship

L: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
now God has spoken to us by a Son.

**P: God made the world through the Son,  
who has been appointed heir of all things  
and the perfect reflection of God's glory.**

L: The Son is the exact representation of God's being,  
sustaining all things by his powerful Word.

**P: Praise God for the gift of the Son!  
We welcome the light of the world!**

(based on Hebrews 1:1-3)

\* Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 151

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, our guide,  
who once used a star to lead people to Jesus,  
we confess our poor sense of direction.  
We let ourselves become confused,  
easily distracted, and lose our way.  
We fail to follow the signs you provide.  
We do not heed the wisdom of your Word.  
Forgive our waywardness, O God.  
Lead us anew to Christ,  
so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* 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.**

Prayer with Children

**Little ones to Him belong:  
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

Solo "See Amid the Winter's Snow" arr. Forrest  
Soloist, Robert Norris

Scripture Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Sermon "He Is Not Far From Each One Of Us" Rev. John DuBose

\* Hymn "God of Our Life" No. 686

\* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy  
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      “One Small Child”                      arr. Tornquist

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication                      No. 606

\* Hymn                      “As with Gladness Men of Old”                      No. 150

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.  
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.  
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.  
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

\* Postlude                      “Farandole”                      Bizet

\* Congregation stands

**Upcoming @ EPC**

**Monday, January 2** - Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, January 4** - Wonderful Wednesday resumes

EPCMiddle - Afterschool time at 3:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
We will have Game Night in the Youth Café.

WW Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (Don't forget to make your online reservation!)  
Menu: Breakfast for Dinner prepared by Deke Van Wagner

Classes for all ages - 6:15 p.m.  
Christie Gravely will be leading the Adults in a series entitled, “How Do We Follow Jesus in 2023?”  
This week's focus: “By Faith”