

## Epiphany

“Where is this child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage” Matthew 2:2

### GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE Hayes  
“Still, Still, Still/Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

CHIMING of the HOUR

HYMN of PRAISE #66 THREE KINGS OF ORIENT  
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

\*WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

\*UNISON PRAYER of CONFESSION Rev. Ron Hipwell

LEADER: Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

PEOPLE: We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

LEADER: In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

PEOPLE: In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

LEADER: In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

PEOPLE: And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need.

ALL: As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.  
*Amen*

\*ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from Everlasting to Everlasting.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

\*RESPONSE OF ADORATION #66 THREE KINGS OF ORIENT  
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

O, Star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading still proceeding,  
guide us to Thy perfect light!

### GOD’S WORD

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Hal and Beth Doran*

PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Kantor  
“Night of Silence”  
*Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor, piano*

\*DOXOLOGY # 36 CRANHAM  
“In The Bleak Midwinter”

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION

TIME with the YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Kristy Ray  
*(Following the Children’s Message all children are invited to Kids Connect. The children may be picked up in the south end of the Christian Ministry Center after the worship service.)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin  
“Finding True North”

\*HYMN of RESPONSE #56 THE FIRST NOWELL  
“The First Nowell”  
Vs. 1-5

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

*The Invitation to the Table*

*The Communion Prayer*

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Sharing of the Cup*

“O Holy Night”

*Matthew Coules, tenor, Teresa Fleenor, piano*

PRAYERS of GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Sung) Malotte

Our Father which 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.

### GO IN GOD’S NAME

MINISTRY of MUSIC Hayes  
“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”  
*Matthew Coules, tenor, Teresa Fleenor, piano*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Smith  
*Fantasia on “Forest Green”*  
\*Please stand if able

Next week with Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin  
Sermon: “Come and See”  
Scripture: John 1:38-39

CHANCEL FLOWERS  
The Flowers this morning are given by Bill and Melba McCaslin to the  
Glory of God and in Honor and Appreciation for our Choir.

*Thank you to the Elders serving Communion this morning:  
Steve Adams, Bryan Becker, Cindy Earp, Jim Earp, Claire Gibbs,  
Jim Morris, Betsy Melwin, and Rick Schuette.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**COMMUNICATION CENTER**

Our website is [www.epcfl.org](http://www.epcfl.org)



*God does answer prayer!*

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross. Also, if you wish prayer for a situation in your life, you may place a Prayer Request Form from the pew rack into the offering plate. Prayer Request Forms are also available on [www.epcfl.org/prayer-request](http://www.epcfl.org/prayer-request) or contact one of the pastors listed below.

Copies of recent sermons are available at the Information Station and online. Services can be viewed live at [www.ustream.tv/search?q=eastminster](http://www.ustream.tv/search?q=eastminster). Pastor Tim can be contacted at [timnapc@gmail.com](mailto:timnapc@gmail.com)

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*“Finding True North”*

*Led by the Holy Spirit, Eastminster exists to Invite into Fellowship, Equip for Service, Reach Out in Support, and Serve our World for Jesus Christ.”*

**Communion Sunday**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*January 7, 2018  
10:00 a.m. Service*

**Class of 2018**

Jim Earp  
Nancy Fowler  
Jill Hoffman  
Jim Morris

Finance  
Worship/Music  
Children/Youth  
Facilities

**Class of 2019**

Bryan Becker  
Ed Bowers  
Linda Jasperse  
Melissa Ketterman

Missions  
Nominating  
Outreach  
Clerk

**Class of 2020**

Grant Dearborn  
Mary Larson  
Barbara Ray  
Sunny Rudloff

Personnel  
Congregational Care  
Children, Youth, & Family  
Congregational Care

**YOUR STAFF**

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Rev. Kristy Ray, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Ron Hipwell, Visitation Pastor  
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Trevor Garvey, EPiC Worship Leader  
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