



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**January 6, 2019 10:00AM
Epiphany
The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Gather in God's Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. * Stand as you are able. Please sign the fellowship pad, found on the chair on the center aisle. When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

Prelude

We Three Kings
Mountain Shadows Handbell Choir

Arr. Matthew Prins

The Prelude will begin at 10:00. Worshipers are requested to conclude conversation and listen prayerfully as spiritual preparation to hear God's Word in worship.

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

Introit

As With Gladness

W. Chatterton Dix

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Isaiah 60:1-3)

Worship Co-Leader: Ron Anderson

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Darkness covered the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

But the Lord has arisen upon us.

God's glory appears over us.

Nations shall come to the light.

Leaders shall come to the brightness of the holy dawn. Amen!

***Hymn #151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are, verses 1-3

Call to Prayer (based on Ephesians 3:11-12)

God's eternal purpose has been carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith.
Let us pray.

Unison Prayer (inspired by Psalm 72)

**You judge your people with righteousness, O God,
and your poor with justice. You defend the cause of the oppressed,
and give deliverance to the downtrodden.
You deliver the needy when they call and those who have no helper.
Have pity on the weak, and save the lives of those who struggle.
From oppression and violence, redeem them.
Forgive us, we pray, for any part we have played
in the suffering of others.
In your mercy, heal our spirits and grant us a fresh start.
(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)
May your righteousness flourish and peace abound, O God.
Recreate us as a people who pursue justice and peace,
not just for ourselves, but for the sake of the lost and the least.
Inspire us to live as our neighbors' helpers,
as messengers of your redemption
in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.
*(Quiet prayer and reflection)***

Sung Response for Epiphany

Tune: 121, St. Louis

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the herald angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

Words of Assurance (responsive)

God's grace has been given to us;
good news of the boundless riches of Christ,
to make everyone see the mystery
that was hidden for ages in God, who created all things.
**Through the church the wisdom of God
in its rich variety is now made known. Alleluia!**

***Sung Response**

Tune: 2276

**Glory to God in the highest!
Sing glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!**

***The Passing of Christ's Peace**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you...and also with you!
You may turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem	<i>One King</i> Mountain Shadows' Choir	Jeff Borders, Gayla Borders & L. Alexander
Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:1-12	(N.T. pg. 1; lg. print pg. 2)
Response	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Epiphany: Seeing God in the Midst of Everything	Rev. Denise Edwards
*Hymn of Affirmation #612	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	

Respond to God

A Moment to Thank You

Dan Linegar

Invitation to the Offering (inspired by Isaiah 60:4)

Lift up your eyes and look around. We have all gathered together;
we have come to God from far away. Let us now gather our treasures,
and give them to glorify the Lord.

The Offertory

Twas In The Moon of Winter

The Huron Carol

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison, inspired by Isaiah 60:5-6)

**You have let us see and be radiant, O God; our hearts thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea is brought to you,
the wealth of the nations comes to you.
With those who once gave gold and frankincense,
we now proclaim your praise. Amen.**

Sharing of Written Joys and Concerns

*(Today, joys and concerns will be expressed in writing and placed in the offering plates.
Pastor Rachel Srubas and Deacons will lift up requested prayers during the coming week.)*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving (responsive)

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 God thanks and praise.

The Thanksgiving (responsive)

O God of light and peace, your glory shone in the child of Bethlehem
and still draws nations to yourself. Dispel any darkness that shrouds our path,
that we may come to Christ's table in true worship.

To you, Creator of grain and grape,
for you, Messiah born to redeem all life,
with you, Spirit of salvation and inspiration,
we sing our song of prayer and praise!

Epiphany Communion Song

Tune: 151 Kings of Orient

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

The 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 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Sacrament by Intinction

*Please come forward to be served. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.
Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Radiant Morning Star, your light has come.
The birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy,
and his ministry of welcome and grace has nourished us.
For these unequalled gifts,
we pour out our hearts in glad thanksgiving. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

We Three Kings
Mountain Shadows Handbells

Reprise

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.