

St. James United Church

January 4, 2015, Epiphany

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir: Senior
Organists/Senior Choir Directors: Amy Dalziel
Sophia WerdenAbrams

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Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life & Work of St. James



Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Learned ones in ancient times were guided by a star. We seek God's guidance in our lives and we look for a sign of God's presence in many different places-

All: Through the inspiration of teachers and mentors; through the sensitivity of friends and colleagues, through the nurture of family and loved ones.

One: We need to be guided in our time and in our place to new beginnings of hope and goodwill.

All: Inspire us, O God, and lead us into Your future through this time of worship.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world. Fill our minds with Your peace and our hearts with Your love. As we gather in Your name to worship God, let Your shalom flood our spirits- that our sympathies may be broad and our lives filled with generosity. When others come across our path, may they see Your light through us. Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, fill our minds with Your peace and our hearts with Your love. Amen.

Hymn: *The First Nowell* 91

Celebrating Relationships: The Circle Song, Passing of the Peace & Children's Time

Hymn: *A Light Is Gleaming* 82

Minute for Mission & Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter*, v. 4 55

Offertory Prayer: (together)

Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer ourselves and what we have. We remember our baptismal vows, to worship and serve the living Christ and become Your voice of love in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Responsive Psalm 72, part 1 790
Matthew 2: 1-12

Hymn: *As with Gladness Men of Old* 81

Sermon

Anthem

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *I Am the Light of the World* 87

Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Eric King
Greeters: Ross & Betty Pilgrim
Ushers: Baxter Howse, Bruce Hunt,
Phil Saunders, Oliver Wellon

