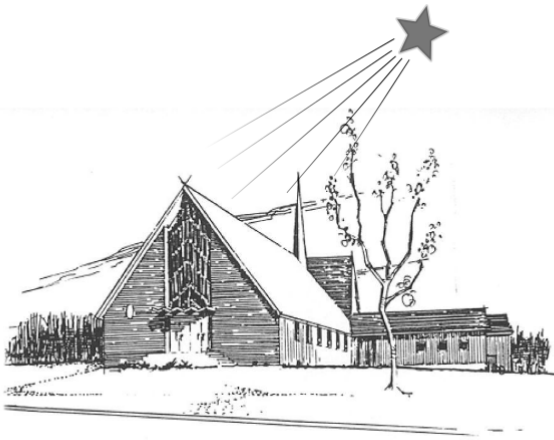


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New Year, 2016, to all.

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January 3, 2016/Epiphany Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Jackson
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Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choir:	Senior
Music Directors:	Amy Dalziel Sophia Werden Abrams

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Sharing the Peace:

One: May a heart of peace rest with you.

All: And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.)

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of Community Candle

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Gladly, O God, we come together, here in this place, to seek Your deeper presence. We bring before You our wounds and our weariness from the journey.

All: Together we look with hopeful expectation to find the star which signals Your arrival.

One: Thankfully, we come forward to kneel and to receive the glory of Your presence.

All: With our little gifts we are humbled before You.

One: And we find among the straw, in the misty breath of the animals,

All: that You have come more humanly than we could imagine.

Opening Prayer: (together) Eternal God, Creator, Son and Spirit, at the start of this New Year, with Your help, we would let go of the past. We would lay down our failures, guilt and shame, and lift up our eyes, and look to the future. Let the grace of Your presence strengthen our resolve, enlighten our minds, clarify our wills, and inflame our hearts with love for You and for all people. So may we live dedicated lives in peace, and with courage, faith and cheerfulness, this New Year through. Amen

Carol: *A Light is Gleaming* 82

Time with our children

Carol: *Will You Come and See the Light* 96

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *What Child is This? (Verse 3)* 74

Offertory Prayer (together) God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further Your work in a dark world. May they bring Your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time; indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of Your love and righteousness. Amen.

Centering Silence

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6
"Arise, shine: for your light has come."

Gospel: John 1:1-18
The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Musical offering

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
The visit of the Magi

Carol: *The First Nowell* 91

Meditation

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Carol: *I am the Light of the World* 87

Parting Words:

One: Through Christ, the first born of all creation,

All: we pray for respect for the earth.

One: Through Christ, Prince of Peace,

All: we pray for peace for the earth's peoples.

One: Through Christ, King of Love,

All: we pray for love in our lives.

One: Through Christ, Lord of the dance,

All: we pray for delight in the good.

One: Through Christ, divine healer,

All: we pray for forgiveness for past wrongs.

One: Through Christ, Morning Star of a New Year,

All: we pray for the grace to make a new start for ourselves and for our world.

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude



Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Susan Pike **Greeters:** Susan & Stephen Pike

Ushers: Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary, Venessa Nichols, Liam Nichols

Life and Works, January 3, 2016

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Rev Terrie is expected back next week after a required two weeks leave. We would like to thank Susan Sheppard for covering for Terrie during this extremely busy time of the year.

Looking forward at St James:

*Next Sunday, January 10: Communion at the 11am Service, followed by a Worship & Sacraments Committee meeting;

*Monday, January 11: Meditation for Seniors at 11am: All are welcome as we renew our space of peace for the New Year;

*Monday, January 11: Christian Education Committee Meeting at 7pm.