

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"Brilliant Star of the Morning"* - Kauffmann

* DOXOLOGY: *"Our God is an Awesome God"* - #616 (sing twice)

Our God is an Awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN: *"As with Gladness Men of Old"* - #150 (verses 1-2)

* BENEDICTION

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* - #143
(verse 3)

* POSTLUDE: *"Joy in Judea"* - Blake

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SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"People, Look East"* #105 (verse 4)
*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather; bright as sun and moon together.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made! *"Let us rejoice and be glad in it"*

PRELUDE: *"March of the Three Kings"* - arr. Vandall

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has sent us a mighty Savior.
Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who reigns in glory forever.
Let us worship our Lord.

* OPENING HYMN: *"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"* #152

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, 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. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you.

~ Let us take a moment for silent reflection. ~

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, so that the world will know us by our love. **Amen.**

*** GLORIA PATRI: “Glory to God” #582**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*** THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads so that we may get to know each other.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” - Pace & Boyce
Duet - Lisa Tuttle, George Van Otten

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Illuminate your word by your Holy Spirit, O God.
Let your good news radiate from these pages;
Let your Epiphany grace break into our hearts and minds.
Captivate all who hear these words, that we might believe and obey, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-2

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 2:1-2

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: Readings from The Glorious Impossible by Madeleine L’Engle

“THE NATIVITY”

HYMN: “There’s a Star in the East” - #135

“THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI”

HYMN: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” - #151

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: “The Apostles Creed”

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.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

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