

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2008

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Merciful God of deliverance, we praise you for sending Jesus as Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of your compassion and care. You illumine our darkness with the hope of your justice. Therefore, we lift our voices in praise of your goodness and give heed to your instruction.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

INTROIT *What Star is This, with Beams so Bright?* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

ACOLYTES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #411 *Arise Your Light Is Come* FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 page 1497

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON “As a Light to Nations” Rev. Ned Beckes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.

*GLORIA #579 Gloria Patri

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM *New Year* Rutter

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pew Pad

*DOXOLOGY #592 Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATE WITH SACRAMENT

*COMMUNION HYMN #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (see the insert)

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Communion of Bread and Cup by the People of God

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN #63 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *To God the Father, God the Son* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

POSTLUDE

You are invited to remain and enjoy the presentation of this piece as you so wish.

*Congregation Stands ***Late Arrivals Seated

The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wed. Jan. 9 at 7:30 after CFN. Join us!
We welcome “new” voices!

Today is Communion Sunday.

All Christians are invited to partake of the sacrament, whether or not they are members of this congregation.

Please hold the bread and cup as we will all eat and drink together.