



# Service for the Lord's Day

January 2, 2022 11:00 a.m.  
Epiphany Sunday



**New to Hunter?** Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. You will see our current Communion instructions in the Sunday Announcements section of the bulletin. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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Prelude                      Chorale Prelude on "O God, Thou Faithful God," Op. 67, No. 30                      Max Reger

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Jesus is the light of the world.

**His light shines over all of us.**

Jesus is the Savior of us all.

**His Presence and promise redeems us.**

\*Hymn 150                      "As with Gladness Men of Old"                      DIX

Prayer of Confession

**God of light, You have given us Jesus, Light of the World, but too often we choose darkness. We cling to our selfishness and our sin masking the brightness of Your Love. We are slow to speak Your gospel, reluctant to help others, afraid to embrace the boldness of Your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.**

**Send your Holy Spirit, embrace us, forgive us, renew us so that we may rise up and share Your Word. Let Your Glory shine upon us and in us for Christ's sake and ministry in the world. Amen**

*(moment for silent reflection)*

Assurance of Grace

\*Hymn 584                      "Glory, Glory, Glory"                      CUEQUITA

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## HEARING THE WORD

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament                      Luke 17: 11-19                      (O.T., p. 80)

Reading from the New Testament                      John 21: 15-17                      (N.T., p. 116)

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

Message                      "Happy New You"                      Ray Mendenhall

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Choral Anthem                      "Praise the Lord from Heaven"                      Steven Beck

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Hymn #569

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer continues

...Let us declare the great mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn 574

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness," BWV 615

J. S. Bach

Depart in Peace

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Household Prayer:** Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## Sunday Announcements

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A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Debi Hardin**

### Prayer Requests

**Prayers for:** The family of Susan Durant, all those affected by the tornadoes in Western KY and beyond, Becky Giff, Lori Taylor (a friend of Lynn Davis' who is battling cancer), Jim & Betty Scott and Rue Wallace.

**Today our various scenes of the Holy Family** include the Magi who have followed the star from afar and are now worshipping the Child. Centuries later, it is said that wise people are still on this quest. Will each of us be a light that brings them to our midst to experience the Word of God made flesh?

**The distribution of the elements for communion** now takes a slightly different form due to COVID concerns. Containers of prepared individual servings of juice and bread will be ready on the table. There are different types of bread, including one gluten-free cracker option. Please come up the center aisle as usual, but maintain a safe distance from the person ahead of you. Choose a whole serving closest to the edge of the table so you don't have to reach over any others. Carry it with you down the side aisle to your seat, and unmask to partake together. When you depart, please leave the container and compostable cup either in the pew where you sat, or on a windowsill.

**If you ordered a poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one, and didn't take it home after the Christmas Eve service, please be so kind as to take it home with you after the service today.

**A big thank you to all who helped** with the Christmas Goody Bags:

- To those who provided items for the bags,
- To those who packed the bags,
- To those who helped to distribute the bags on Sunday after worship,
- To those who delivered bags to members who were unable to get to Hunter on Sunday.

In all, we assembled and distributed 60 goody bags. Many thanks to all involved.

**The church office will be closed** on Monday, January 3 in observance of the New Year holiday.

**There will be no choir rehearsal** on Wednesday, January 12.

**If you would like to talk with Ray Mendenhall**, he can be reached at 859-940-1735 or you can email him at: [wmend@gmail.com](mailto:wmend@gmail.com).

**Thank you to those who shared** in leading today's service: Hyunjin Kwak, Allen Fletcher, Debi Hardin and Val Zeps.

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