



Sunrise Presbyterian Church
Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

Bulletin Symbols: * = stand in body/spirit, 🙏 = prayer, 🎹 = music to listen to,
🎵 = music to sing to, 🖐️ = clapping is appropriate, 📖 = Scripture, **Bold text indicates places for congregational participation.**

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

🎹 Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas
arr. Mark Hayes

Margaret Nitschke

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Pastor Jessica

Leader: Wherever you are, and whatever you are carrying in your heart today – joy, stress, grief, anger, loneliness, relief – know that you are welcome here.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

Leader: We celebrate that Christ is born – the one in whom we put our trust and hope to show us how to live and be. This baby is a sign of God’s love for us.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

Leader: Today is a new day, this is a new year. The presence of God’s spirit in our lives renews our hopes and dreams.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

* 🎵 Hymn # 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

All Verses

* Call to Confession

Liturgist: Carol Stilli

Let us recount the gracious deeds of God, the praiseworthy acts, the mercy, the goodness, all that God has done for us. We pause to remember God's goodness even as we recount our own deeds, both good and bad.

*  Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Liturgist

Leader: Holy One, you have the power to bring joy in unexpected places. You have the power to transform our minds and hearts. Sometimes, in the hype of Christmas we fail to see the miracle of your presence.

All: A voice is heard, grieving and weeping, and in great mourning.

Leader: God of love, at this time of year, we may not always be mindful of those struggling to get through another stressful family dinner, another holiday alone, another season in the absence of a loved one, or another night with an empty stomach.

All: A voice is heard, yearning, and striving.

Leader: God of new beginnings, dreams, hope, when Christmas is a busy time for us, we may get preoccupied, overtired, excited, or sad. We might push through the days and not acknowledge our feelings with honesty. Sometimes, we are scared to look deeply inside ourselves, or to reach out to others.

All: A voice is heard, seeking, finding, and then proclaiming.

Leader: Open us up to dreaming new possibilities, new habits, new thoughts, and awaken the world to align with your ways. **Amen**

*Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Liturgist

Leader: We are God's child, God's beloved creation. Receive God's offer of new life and new beginnings. **All: In Christ we find all things made new. Thanks be to God!**


*Passing of the Peace (responsive)

Liturgist

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

*  Gloria Patri (in unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

*  Prayer of Illumination (non-responsive, please be seated)

Liturgist

God, teach us to listen for your gentle voice. Help us awaken to the quiet stirrings of new life in our hearts and in our communities. As your children, called into being by your word, remake and renew us, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

📖 Scripture

Matthew 2: 1-12

Liturgist

Children's Message

When 2 or more are present

*🎵 **Hymn # 165**
Blue hymnal

I Wonder as I Wander

all verses

Message

Star Words

Pastor Jessica

Invitation to Offering

Liturgist

In the generosity and recognition of God's abundance, we seek to give back to God a portion of what we have been given. We offer not only our resources but also the work of our lives.

🎹 Offertory Music

O Holy Night/Midnight Clear
arr. Dan Coates

Margaret Nitschke

We recognize the importance of blessings and giving through the offertory portion of our service, though offering trays are not passed through the sanctuary. If you wish to make a financial gift, an offering tray is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Financial gifts may also be made through the church website.



*🎵 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*🙏 Prayer of Thanksgiving/Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Liturgist

Friends, we are called to live in the complexity of a world where there is much to be celebrated, and much to be grieved. We know that we do not go alone. Christ is in the world, and orients us towards justice and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world. Amen.

*🎵 **Hymn # 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

all verses

Joys & Concerns

🙏 Prayer of Intercession: (responsive)

Pastor Jessica

Leader: I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.'

All: God of love, we bring today our prayers for all those who are exhausted and need rest, for those suffering, for those who are working tirelessly for others at the expense of their own health and well-being.

Leader: I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.'

All: God of living water, we pray this New Year for all those in need clean of water to live and thrive, for those who are suffering because they lack resources of any kind.

Leader: I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.'

All: God of guidance, we pray today for all who need your guidance and who need to hear Your voice this New Year. We ask that we might enable others to see your goodness displayed in our actions of kindness and love in our communities and churches.

Leader: 'I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.'

All: Eternal God, gather us in when our travelling days are done, to your eternal light, to be reunited with all whom we have lost and loved, and to worship you there forever.

Leader: We entrust the prayers voiced, the ones that remain held in confidence, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray by saying:

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.**

* 🎵 Hymn # 151

We Three Kings

Verses 1-3

*Benediction

🎹 Postlude (*seated*) 🖐️

Masters in This Hall
arr. Mark Hayes

Margaret Nitschke

*Please rise in body/spirit as you are able.

Not worshiping in person today? Request a Star Word for 2025 through the church office; we're happy to send you one in the mail!

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