

In that first moment (prayer continues) of every time and place
who forever sing of your grace:

Holy, holy, holy, God of bright dawns!

All creation renders tributes of praise to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who saves the lives of the needy.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you (prayer continues) to us through Christ:

Christ came, the morning star of love;

Christ died, the night star of salvation;

Christ arose, the radiant star of resurrection;

Christ will come again, the constellation of hope.

Holy One (prayer continues) God in Community, Holy in One.

**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.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE

Noël

Daquin

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

**Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church**

January 7, 2018 ~ Epiphany Sunday

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Pifa from Messiah

Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come seeking the infant King.

Come, arise! Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of love is shining upon us.

* HYMN 53

What Child Is This

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

Forgive us when we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude. *Silent Reflection*

* SUNG RESPONSE 44 vs 4

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

o come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

HYMN 24 vs 3

Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay, Close by me forever

and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

Mathew 2:1-12

MEDITATION

* HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Telemann/Liebergen

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 23 refrain *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served in the pews. As you receive the elements please hold them, so we may commune together as the people of God.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

People of Advent: the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.

People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.