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**Prelude**

**“March of the Three Magi”** from *Weihnachtsbaum*  
*Franz Liszt*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Those who are able are invited to stand after the Welcome for the Call to Worship.*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**

Leader: The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

**People: The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**The First Nowell**  
*Glory to God #147, v. 1-6*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light.

*We will remain silent for a time after this prayer.*

**All:** Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.  
Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace**

Leader: Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Song of Praise

## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Glory to God #582, v. 1-2*

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

### Children's Moment

#### Anthem

**Fairlee**

*words by Isaac Watts, music by Oliver Holden*

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*For Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.*

*Blessings abound where'er He reigns,  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.*

*Where He displays His healing power,  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.*

*Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the long Amen.*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Reading

**John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Sermon**

### **Response to the Word**

### **What Star is this With Beams**

*Glory to God #152, v 1-4*

*Those who are able are invited to stand for the hymn.*

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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**

*During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.*

### **Offertory**

### **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

*words Charles Wesley*

### **Doxology**

### **Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

*Glory to God #607*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **The Lord's Supper**

*Trinity Presbyterian Church offers to everyone, regardless of church background, the opportunity to grow their faith through participating in communion. Please follow along with the celebration in the bulletin insert.*

**Sending Hymn**

**We Three Kings**  
*Glory to God #151, v. 1-5*

**Benediction**

*Please join us following worship for a time of fellowship through the southeast Sanctuary doors.*

**Postlude**

**An Old Christmas Carol**  
*from Weihnachtsbaum*

Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Hannah Nutt

**Liturgist** - Carrie Muegge

**Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Dylan Voss

**Acolyte** – Izzy Williams

**The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Porter, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)*

*Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Quill Ardonne, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)*

*Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)*

*Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)*

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