

**Order of Worship for
A Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2024
Communion Sunday**

**Please stand as you are able.*

***GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the holy mystery
in which you have revealed yourself to us.
Show us the star you would have us follow
to discover Christ born into our lives and making us new, yet again.
Send us out into the world
**to see and bear witness to your revelation in all things,
and to invite all to come to you, to taste and see your saving power.**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that in twinkling starlight as well as in the true light of day, you can see what we've
hidden and covered up.

We confess that we have denied water to those in need; have failed to feed the hungry; have nurtured
grudges; irritations; and prideful arrogance. We have despaired. We have turned away from your love.
Spark again, your New Life within us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are sorry for all we have done and left undone. Restore us to you again
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pause for a moment of silence.

KYRIE #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***PRAISE RESPONSE # 595**

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Hear the Word of God. **Our ears are open.**
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

SECOND READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

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SERMON "The Star"

Rev. Jane Herring

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in his true flesh in which he was crucified and died, rose again from the dead.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above all heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rock of Ages Thomas Hastings, arr. Keveren

Serving today in worship:

John Sevier, Worship Leader Claire Cope, Pianist
Mark Schenkel, Liturgist Rev. Jane Herring, Minister