

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025 11:00am

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE

“O Magnify the Lord”

Tunney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT #243

“Emmanuel”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: We have seen the star in the east, and we are following. We have remembered God’s wonder and promise, and we are worshipping.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; God’s people now gather together, to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

People: The mystery of God’s wonder and grace is here: Come, let us adore!

*OPENING PRAYER

(ALL)

God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence.

Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #104**

“O Worship the Lord”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Isaiah proclaimed: Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you. Let us acknowledge the darkness in our lives, repent of our sin, and receive the light of God’s mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(ALL)

Father in heaven, you are faithful and just; you are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. We confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to you; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. As we begin this new year, we ask your forgiveness and guidance so that we can begin anew with the joy of knowing we belong to you, with the freedom of being purified by your blood, and with the healing which your grace alone can bring.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel.

P: **Jesus died so that we could be forgiven.**

L: We now have peace with God.

P: **We praise and honor him forever. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"I Wonder As I Wander"

Niles

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(ALL)

O God, by the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you in all we do, for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 72: 10-14
Page 909

ANTHEM

“Are You Looking for Jesus?”

Wetzler/Brokering

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12
Pages 1497-1498

SERMON

“Jesus’ First Worshipers”

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of majesty, you are holy; and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love.

Lavished with gifts from the Magi, he gave his life for others. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he poured out his mercy for all. Turning water into wine at a wedding, he transformed sorrow into joy.

In his death on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Rising from the tomb, he overcame death and raised us to eternal life. He made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN #435**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Peace”

SEE SCREEN

***POSTLUDE**

“Praise and Thanks for the New Year”

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*Please stand, if you are able.