

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 2, 2022

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“All Things Were Made” (Beckett-Nolan)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, all things came into existence through the life-giving movement of the creative word.

**People: The word of God is light;
The word of God is power!**

Leader: And now the word has been made flesh, the heart of the eternal revealed, for Jesus the Christ has come to us!

GATHERING HYMN

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” *Verses 1&2*
Glory to God 151

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we acknowledge that the shining forth of your light from within your church is dimmed, for the windows of our souls have become smudged by sin. As a corporate body, we often fail to be the effectual beam of hope and love by which you intend to draw others toward life in you. We confess we are prone to speaking out regarding what we see to be wrong rather than showing the world who we are as members of Christ's body.

We confess that a lack of clarity about our Christian identity causes us to be more defensive than proactive, to be more concerned about our own affairs than seeking freedom and justice for all people. We confess also our compromise with the world's values that creates within us, and conveys to others, confused loyalties and aspirations. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to rightly honor and heed the calling of Jesus to be light to the nations in his name.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
 2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: By his coming, Christ brought light to earth which neither sin nor death can extinguish.

People: **As children of the light, we are forgiven of our sins and freed to live a new life as faithful followers of Jesus and emissaries of Christ's mission in the world.**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Verses 3,4,&5
Glory to God 151

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

please rise

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

THE 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.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we come to you seeking to be as wise as the Magi, who gave of their most precious treasures — symbols of the giving of themselves to the Christ Child.

May these gifts be a source of light in places where your light and love are needed most. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am the Light of the World” *The New Century Hymnal* 584

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“That All May Believe” (Conwell)

January Birthdays

1/02-1/08/2022

Mary MacNeel (3); Emeric Suto (7)

WE HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM.



Matthew 2:2



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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