

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

### \* CLOSING HYMN: THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

(REFRAIN) **Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (REFRAIN)

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (REFRAIN)

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that has made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood our redemption has bought. (REFRAIN)

Author: Anonymous (1833) | Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

(We invite you to be seated for the Postlude.)

- Gareth Icenogle

POSTLUDE: "Shine, Jesus, Shine," arr. Wilkinson

- Sookyung Bang

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Prayer ministers are available to pray with you each Sunday.  
Identified by their prayer stoles, they stand near the baptismal font.*

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

*If you are new to LPC, we look forward to meeting you during our fellowship time.  
Join us for Coffee and Deacon Donuts on the Church Patio and Tankersley Hall.*

### WORSHIP NOTE: EPIPHANY

Our word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," and in church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Epiphany has been observed throughout much of the Western church as occurring on January 6, the 12th day after Christmas. Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established.

- Worship Sourcebook, The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship © 2004, CRC Publications, Grand Rapids, MI.

### MUSICIANS

Andrea Galante, Jeff Nagel, Jonathan Nagel, Vocals | Jesse Hughes, Bass | Ross Sellers, Guitar  
Thor Fay, Drums | Dani McGinley, Keyboard | David Galante, Sound  
Sookyung Bang, Organist/Pianist | Beth Pinney, MDiv., Worship Leader | Linda White, Dir. of Choirs

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

*Given by Diane and Brent Babcock, "Happy birthday to the Babcock boys!"*

#### GREETERS

8:30am: Margaret Arnold, Hunter Cook,  
Nancy and Howard Pink  
10am: Michele Luna,  
Nancy and Howard Pink,  
Sandi Werthe

#### USHERS

Bud Schaefer,  
Jack Bell,  
Peter Colagrossi,  
Larry Laird, Michele Luna,  
Tom Fay



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# LAGUNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## JANUARY 6, 2019

*Epiphany of the Lord*

*8:30am & 10am Worship Services*



"The Adoration of the Magi," by Leonaert Bramer, between 1630 and 1635.  
Oil on oak panel. Detroit Institute of Arts.



### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\* The asterisk indicates that the congregation stands.  
Words in **BOLD** are spoken or sung by the congregation.  
Music may be found in *The Hymnal* or on the **MUSIC INSERT**.



PRELUDE: "Noel," arr. A. Freeman

"Blessed Be that Maid Marie," arr. C. Neiburger

- Orange County Harp Troupe

\* OPENING HYMN #145: O Come, All Ye Faithful

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him - born the King of angels!**

(REFRAIN) **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (REFRAIN)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (REFRAIN)**

Author: John Francis Wade | Adeste Fideles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The grace and peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

- Kathy Sizer

OPENING PRAYER

- Gareth Icenogle

CALL TO WORSHIP - Steve Sweet, Kathy Sizer

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**People: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**People: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**People: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!  
O come, let us worship the Lord,  
for God has done wondrous things!**

\* PRAISE GOD IN SINGING (All who are able are invited to stand.)

WE THREE KINGS (See Music Insert)

**All: We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar -  
field and fountain, moor and mountain - following yonder star. Oh - Oh,  
Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

*Choir: Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. Oh - Oh,*

**All: Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Men: Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God on high. Oh - Oh,

**All: Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Women: Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom -  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Oh - Oh,

**All: Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**All: Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies. Oh - Oh, ,  
Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Author: John H. Hopkins (1857) | Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION: What Child Is This?," *W. Dix* - Orange County Harp Troupe

CALL TO CONFESSION - Steve Sweet, Kathy Sizer

Leader: Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - Steve Sweet, Kathy Sizer

Leader: God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.

**People: You called us to look beyond us, but we only looked at ourselves.**

**You showed us the big picture, but we refused to look.**

**You gave us your Spirit to guide us in your way, but we followed our own leading.**

Leader: Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.

**People: Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see,  
through the light that lingers when all else fails —  
the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior.**

*Moment for Personal Silent Confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, 2 Corinthians 4:6, NRSV - Steve Sweet, Kathy Sizer

Leader: God has caused light to shine in our hearts,  
the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

**People: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANTHEM: "And the Glory," *G. F. Handel (from The Messiah)* - Chancel Choir

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6 - Gareth Icenogle

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MORNING PSALM (SUNG): Psalm 62 (See Music Insert)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2 (selected verses) - Gareth Icenogle

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "THE HEROD SYNDROME & THE GENTILE SOLUTION" - Gareth Icenogle

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (All who are able, please stand), John 1:1-5, 14, NRSV

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People: 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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Kathy Sizer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**Our Father, which 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!**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "A Christmas Canon," *arr. J. Witman* - Orange County Harp Troupe

\* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING: "What Child Is This?" (Refrain), *W. Dix*

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary, the Babe, the Son of Mary.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF OFFERING - Steve Sweet, Kathy Sizer