

Waterloo North Mennonite Church
Sunday, January 8, 2017 10:45 am
Epiphany Sunday

GATHERING AND CENTERING

Prelude

Call to worship

Leader: Day has dawned! The light of Christ is in the World.

People: **We see traces of God's incarnation in creation and even in ourselves.**

We rejoice in God's boundless love, given for all.

All: Come! Let us walk in the way of God's heart!

Welcome

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Praise Hymns (joyous, energetic, standing)

STS (purple) # 32 Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

HWB (blue) # 190 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

HWB (blue) # 192 On this day earth shall ring

Invitation to Centering Silence, Prayer

Meditative Hymns (meditative, seated)

STS (purple) # 16 Peace before us

STS (purple) # 3 Come, Light of the World

LISTENING

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: *Painful Illuminations*

RESPONDING

Silence

Hymn of response

STJ (green) # 102 When from the darkness

Offering

Congregational prayer

Benediction Hymn

HWB (blue) # 538 Lead me, Lord

Closing Benediction

Worship Participants

Pianist

Song Leader

Worship Leader

Children's Time

Scripture reader

Sermon

Congregational Prayer

Ushers

Sound

Merlyn Martin

Peggy Snyder

Betty Pries

Martha Crealock

Anya Fieguth

Gordon Allaby

Ralph Brubacher

Marg Koop, Kathryn Good

Reuben Janzen

Childcare - Infants to Age 4 – Staffed Childcare is available during worship in Nursery located outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to assist you.

Head sets are available, from the ushers, for hearing assistance.

Offering - For those who contribute electronically, offering cards are available or use loose change/cash so that you can participate in the giving of offering worship experience.

Information Sheets with church news and activities are available on table in foyer for those who do not receive them electronically.

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Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (NRSV)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.