

## Communion

\*Hymn #152

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

\*Blessing

*\* Please stand as you are able*

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Children ages 4 ~ 5th grade are invited to Children's Church after the Children's Time. Nursery is available for infants ~ age 3, down Heritage Hall off the main lobby. Assistive hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from an usher. As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence your electronic devices.

Today's children's church leader is Melanie Mickleboro; next Sunday is Jasmine Anthony.

**Meet the Session Potluck on January 8!** Join us next Sunday as we meet the new class of elders and say thank you to those who are rolling off of session. The church will provide the meat; please bring a side to share!

**SAVE THE DATE: We're having a WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL on Saturday, January 21!!** Featuring a pizza truck, inflatables, crafts and more—it's fun for all ages! Like last year, we'll invite our local school children to this event; so invite your friends, neighbors, and family! We need help in various ways, be on the look out for a sign up sheet or talk to Jasmine today.

**Have a Prayer Request?** Submit it to our prayer chain! Please call Sharon's cell phone or email her to submit prayer requests or to receive emailed concerns. Sharon: 404-402-4094 or [sharart.ayers@gmail.com](mailto:sharart.ayers@gmail.com).

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# EPIPHANY

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## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

*Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

**People: If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

*Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you;*

**People: For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

*Leader: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

**People: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

**\*Hymn #151**                      **We Three Kings of Orient Are**                      KINGS OF ORIENT

**Call to Confession:** Romans 7:15

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we have heard the story of the birth of the Christ child, of angels singing to shepherds, and of wise men bringing gifts. We confess, though, that as we make our way back into our normal routines, we tend to leave that story behind. We have a hard time noticing your presence among us as Emmanuel. We struggle to see how Jesus changes the life we know in the world. We have difficulty knowing how to live out his ways in a world with all sorts of other priorities, and other voices, and other powers. As we pack up the trimmings of Christmas, we pray for your Spirit to remain with us, to guide us, and to open us to a new path this year as we follow Christ our Lord. *[moment for silent prayer of confession]*

### Assurance of Pardon (from Lamentations 3:21-24)

*Leader: But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.  
Great is his faithfulness.*

**People: The Lord is our portion, and therefore we will hope in him.  
It is good to look for the salvation of the Lord.**

**\*Gloria Patri**                      **Glory Be to the Father**                      GREATOREX  
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 of the Day

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:13-23

### Children's Time

### Special Music

### Sermon

### \*Affirmation of Faith (the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Invitation to Offering

**\*Doxology**                      OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen  
**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**