

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

10:30 a.m.

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

Musical Prelude:

GATHERING

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

**Call to Worship (responsive):**

(projected)

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**All: Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**

One: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**All: Violence shall no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.**

One: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

**All: For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

\* Gathering Hymn: *"What Child Is This?"*

(N.B.P. #161)

**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**

God of mercy and loving-kindness,

You sent Christ among us as a gift

To be the light of the world

And to reveal your love to all people.

We confess that our sins and pride

Hide the brightness of your light;

We waste our gifts,

We ignore cries for justice,

And we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us and makes us new. Amen.

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Children's Hymn: *"What Star Is This?"*

(N.B.P. #170)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination (in unison):** God of light, we need to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

**Scriptures:** (projected)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *"One Holy Night"* (Gilbert M. Martin)

### SERMON: "THE THREE WRONG MEN"

*Silent Reflection*

### OUR RESPONSE

\* Hymn of Response: *"We Three Kings"* (N.B.P. #173)

\* Living Faith 3.2.1, 4 (unison) (projected)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

\* Doxology (N.B.P. #79)

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: (projected)

### SENDING

\* Parting Hymn: *"As With Gladness Men of Old"* (N.B.P. #172)

\* Benediction:

\* Choral Amen:

\* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude