

# Worship Resources for January 2, 2022 The Second Sunday after Christmas Observing Epiphany/New Year Communion

You are invited to light the Christ candle in your Advent wreath, and to prepare your elements for Communion before viewing the service.

#### Welcome

Opening Song "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;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

# **Opening Prayer**

God of glorious light,
we have followed the star
and have come to worship
your Son, our Savior, in the spirit of the Magi.
Grant us the blessing of your wisdom this day.
Light our way as we seek to be beacons of hope and peace.
We pray in the name of the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus!
Amen

# **Scripture Readings**

Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

#### Meditation

## Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

**Gather at the Welcome Table: Holy Communion** 

Invitation
Communion Prayer
Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup
Sharing the Meal
Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of beautiful light,
thank you for breaking into our lives
in Jesus, and entering our hearts through his body and blood.
With joy and confidence,
we begin this New Year at peace in His presence.
Emmanuel, God with us always,
shine in us and through us, we pray. Amen

### Closing Song "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

#### **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

