



Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for the Second Sunday After Christmas/Epiphany
New Year Communion
January 5, 2025

Please have your elements for Communion ready before viewing the service. Happy New Year!

Welcome

Opening Hymn “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.

Opening Prayer

***Blessed are you, O God, and blessed is the Child you shared with the world, Jesus.
Wise ones seek him still, following the Light, sharing the love.
Guide our intentions and our actions in this New Year,
that we may embrace faith over fear, acceptance over animosity.
In the Light of Lights, we pray, Amen***

Scripture Readings John 1: 1-18

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

*Holy One, we have received grace upon grace
in this sacred sharing.*

*Grant that the year before us will be filled with
opportunities to share the love of Christ daily,
and to share with others the pathways of life
with glad and generous hearts.*

Amen

Closing Song **“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”**

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
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Benediction & Sending Forth