



Epiphany

January 2, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6)

Light! Light, light and more light!

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**NATIONS SHALL COME TO YOUR LIGHT,
AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

**FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST,
AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU. (written by Bruce Pewer)

HYMN *As with gladness men of old* (HWB 218)

Children's Time

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

John 1:1-5; 10-14 (HWB 841)

Meditation & Star Words

Prayers of the People (with Lord's Prayer)

Music for Meditation *"And There Was a Star"* ...David Paxton

Prayer after Receiving Star Words

HYMN *O beautiful star of Bethlehem* (STS 32)

Benediction

Postlude ... *please remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. Sunday School begins at 10:45am.*

Live Stream Tech: Jonathan Wenger

Sound: Micah Wenger

Nursery Attendant: Nick and Cathia Krehbiel

Ushers: Jennalee Boggs, Susan Combs

Piano: Peggy Stucky

Worship Leader & Scripture Reader: Elsie Wickliffe

Children's Time: Lona Willems

Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Star Words Prayers: from A Sanctified Art

Prompts for using STAR WORDS throughout the year:

- A.** *Look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word you know well. You may even look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history.*
 - B.** *What does this word remind you of? Does it recall any memories or experiences? How might God be speaking to you through this word?*
 - C.** *See if you can find your word—or a synonym—in the Bible. What scripture passages can you find? How is the word used in these passages? Are there other scripture passages that remind you of your word?*
 - D.** *Write or speak aloud a prayer using your word. (This is a fun challenge for children using the star words.)*
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