WE WORSHIP OUR GRACIOUS GOD

GATHERING MUSIC	Das alte Jahr vergangen ist BWV 614	Johann Sebastian Bach
WELCOME, ANNOUNCE	MENTS, CENTERING SILENCE	The Rev. Dr. James Butler
Evermore your voices ra	COIT ing God the Father, Spirit, Son. ising to the eternal Three-In-One. he and worship! Worship Christ the	e newborn king.
And the Word became fl	of the world. ill not walk in darkness but have tl esh and lived among us, full of grad arkness and the darkness cannot p	ce and truth.
* HYMN 141	"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"	PERSONENT HODIE
* ACCLAMATION AND PRA Beloved in Christ: God is We are not alone!		
CALL TO CONFESSION AI	ND SILENT REFLECTION	
UNISON CONFESSION		

You brought light and life to the world, Creator God, and in the fullness of time, sent Jesus to illumine our hearts and reveal your loving kindness love for all people. When our self-concern and fear cause us to close our eyes to the suffering and injustice Jesus confronts us, forgives us and sets us free. When we accept lies as truth, forgive us and set us free. When we bring harm to others trying to protect ourselves, forgive us and set us free. As the new year begins, help us to see what we need to see, along with the courage to speak and respond in love; through Jesus Christ, the light of life. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 447)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON	1 John 1:1-5	(Pew Bible, N.T. p.238)
* GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 2:1-18	(Pew Bible, N.T. p.2)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
Cast out our sin and ent We hear the Christmas o	em, descend to us we pray. er in; be born in us today. angels the great glad tidings tell. h us, our Lord Emmanuel.	
SERMON	"The Second Worst Sin"	Dr. Butler
"When King Herod	d heard this, he was frightened, and all J	erusalem with him"
	WE RESPOND TO THE WOR	D
ANTHEM	<i>Star of Wonder</i> Jason Fuh, solo	Alan Bullard
-	re. Bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field a er star. Star of wonder, star of night. Star	

Westward leading still proceeding. Guide us to thy perfect light. Born a king on Bethlehem plain. Gold, I bring, to crown him again. King forever, ceasing never. Over us all to reign. Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh. Prayer and praising all raising. Worship God most high. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume. Breathes a life of gathering gloom. Sorrowing, sighing bleeding, dying. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Glorious now, behold him arise. King, and God, and sacrifice. Alleluia, heaven sings, and earth replies.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY	
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Three Kings of Orient

David Schelat

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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.

* SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

*** HYMN 152** "What Star is This, with Beam So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* DEPARTING MUSIC Praeludium & Fuga in Bb Major J.S. Bach BWV 650 The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

> **Our Mission** To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany Sunday January 5, 2025 10 a.m.