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Invite all to Worship God
Grow in faith
Follow Jesus by Serving Others

Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday

Centering Words: INHALE: *Each twist and turn* EXHALE: *Invites me to follow you.*

Disciples Gather to Worship God

🔊 Welcome (hopeaustin.org/connect)

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

🎵 Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

J. Brahms

⬆️🔊 Call to Worship

How did you get here?

**I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.
I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.
I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.
I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.
I crawled, kissing the earth below me.**

Tell me again. How did you get here?

I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

Let us worship our gracious God.

Siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God!

⬆️🎵 Hymn of Praise 150 (GTG)

As with Gladness Men of Old

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🔊 Response: Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!

✝️🔊 Prayer of Confession

Gloria Diaz-Kaulbach

God of new beginnings, we admit that we often follow the well-worn path, simply because others have been there before. Sometimes this is holy and humble, but there are days when a new path needs to be tread. In your mercy, forgive us.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

In your mercy, forgive us. On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star. Give us the courage to go home by another way. Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new direction for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor. For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow. With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel. Amen.

- ⬆️ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.
- ✝️ Indicates when someone is praying.
- 📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.
- 🎵 Indicates when music is sung or heard.
- 🔊 Indicates when someone is speaking.

- Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.
- A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available.
- Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- GTG—*Glory to God* purple hymnal
- STF—*Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

☪ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news... **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

↑☪ **Response 113** (GTG) *Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain)*

GLORIA

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo! Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!

↑☪ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

↑☪ **Hymn 151** (GTG)

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

*Verses 2, 3, and 4 will be sung by soloists.
Congregation sings verses 1 and 5, and all Refrains.*

☪ **Response: Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!**

☪ Prayer for Illumination

☪ **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV)

Bible p. 586

☪ Children's Sermon

Little Church will return January 12.

**The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
And the Word of God will help us grow, grow, grow,
The Word of God will help us grow.**

☪ **Second Reading**

Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

Bible p. 783

☪ **Sermon**

Words for the Beginning: The Road Isn't Straight

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Worship+2: GROW

After being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the Magi "go home by another way" (Matthew 2:12). Their path unfolds in an unexpected way, but this divergence is of deep importance. It keeps both them and the newborn Jesus safe from Herod's harm. When has an unexpected turn in your life led to an unexpected blessing?

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

☪ Call to Discipleship

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☪ **Offertory**

Dr. Kathy Winston, organ; Julie Boltz, piano

↑☪ **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirt! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

☪ Prayer of Dedication

Disciples Celebrate at the Table of God

The Lord's Table at Hope Presbyterian Church is open to all who seek to know and love Jesus Christ. Friends from other denominations are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in Christian faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in the holy meal to be renewed and assured of God's love and grace.

The ushers will direct you to the Lord's Table. We invite you to come forward with your hands cupped, ready to receive a piece of bread and eat. Return to your pew and join in praying and singing.

Chalices with a ribbon contain wine. If you have a gluten-free preference or prefer an individual serving, please visit Pastor Josh's station.

☛The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the saints of Light as we sing the eternal hymn of your praise:

♫ **Sanctus 565** (GTG) *Holy, Holy, Holy* Martyr Haugen
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

... And when the night of death fell upon the world, the dawn of your glory rose in the brilliant morning light of the resurrection. Great is the mystery of faith:

♫ **Memorial Acclamation 566** (GTG) *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* Martyr Haugen
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Through Christ with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God now and forever.

♫ **Amen 568** (GTG) *Amen* Martyr Haugen
**A-men, a-men, a—men.
A-men, a-men, a—men.**

...Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught, saying:...

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.

Prayer @ Home

Ambassadors to the United Nations and around the world: Guide the hearts and minds of ambassadors, O God, that they may work for peace and cooperation among nations.

♪ Communion Hymns

Hymn 501 (GTG)

Feed Us, Lord

Greg Scheer

Hymn 510 (GTG)

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Bryan Jeffrey Leach

Hymn

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

1. Alleluia, alleluia

3. I will praise him, alleluia...

2. He's my Savior, alleluia...

4. Alleluia, alleluia... CCLI # 16811 © 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

✝ Prayer After Communion

Holy God who lights our way, we give thanks for this moment of rest, a time to be reminded of your love and sent out to serve. May these star words guide us to seek you everywhere, and may we find next year that you were with us every step of the journey. Amen.

Disciples Depart to Serve God

♪ Hymn 2095 (STF)

Star-Child

Carlton Young, Shirley Erena Murray

♪ Charge & Benediction

As you leave this place, lean on one another. Hold onto hope. Do the good that is yours to do. Trust that God sees you as a blessing. Advent invites us to begin again. Start here. Start now. Start with love. Begin again.

♪ Response

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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♪ Postlude

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

arr. by Paul Manz