

**Order of Worship**  
**January 01, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 148:1-5 & 13)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**People: Let us also praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

\*Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" # 63

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**God-with-us, we confess that we have not always embraced your great love for us. You have searched for us tirelessly, and yet we often hide from you, in an effort to have our own way. You have showered us with heavenly blessings, and yet we often cling to the limited treasures of this fallen world. Forgive us, loving God. Open our hearts and minds anew to your grace and glory, and reveal to us again your eternal promises through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "What Gifts Do You Bring?"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "We Thee Kings of Orient Are" # 66

**Eucharist**

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: "The First Nowell" # 56

\*Charge and Benediction

**Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."**