

**Order of Worship**  
**January 07, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Joy to the World" (verses 1 & 3) # 40

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, glory and strength.

**People: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn: "The First Nowell" # 56

**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 2:1-18

Sermon: "The 'Adults-Only' Nativity Story"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

**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: "We Three Kings of Orient Are" # 66

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: "Amen"