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The Service of Worship Epiphany Sunday *Please put your cell phones on Worship Mode.

January 1, 2023

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Choral Introit

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader	Light! Light, light and more light! Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.
People	Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Leader	When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?
People	For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.
Leader	The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People	And also with you.

*Hymn

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

#251

Epiphany Prayer (Unison)

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem – Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem	When Brightly Shines the Evening Star	Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Rev McDonald

11:00 a.m.

Choir

Anthem

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer (unison)

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God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion – as would befit the Savior. It's in his holy name, we pray, Amen.

March of Turenne

*Doxology		#95
*Hymn	The First Noel	#245
Scripture	Matthew 2: 1-18	
Special Music		William Kuethe
Message	Light Shines in the Darkness	Rev McDonald
The Great Thanksgiving		#13

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Hymn	We Three Kings	#254	
*Benediction			
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World			
*Postlude			

Thank You!

Kim and I thank you for your generous Christmas gifts to us. We appreciated your prayers, kindness and love throughout the year of 2022. We hope all of you had a blessed Christmas.

Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year,

Pastor Ken

Schedule of Our Opportunities

Today	9:00 a.m.	Heart of Worship in the Social Hall	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary	
		Service broadcast on wfbr1590.weebly.com/ or 1590 AM/	
		Facebook Live Stream	
Looking Ahead			
Jan 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
Jan 11 th	9:00 a.m.	Trustees Meeting – Social hall	