

Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Closing Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

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*Benediction

Postlude

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Harker

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Susan Penrod, Liturgist

Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director

Andy Phillips, Pianist

Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead

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St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 4, 2025

Prelude

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

Andy Phillips

arr. Collinsworth

Welcome

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Introit

Kings of Orient

Arranged by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

One: A word spoken, A voice heard,

All: A dream revealed, A mission received.

One: God calls. Again and again.

All: God beckons us.

One: To follow,

All: To love,

One: To serve,

All: To give.

One: Again and again

All: God invites us

One: To tell the Good News of Jesus,

All: To worship and praise.

*Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose regret. You offer us new life, and we cling to past hurts.

Gracious God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Petition #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #581

Gloria Patri

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Anthem

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Adger M. Pace , R. Fischer Boyce

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Follow the Star

*Hymn

There's a Star in the East

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*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

We Three Kings

arr. Walz