

# Second Sunday after Christmas January 5, 2025

## In Preparation for Worship

The heavens proclaim a birth in Bethlehem. Following a star, three Magi, journey to see what has occurred. They carry with them gifts appropriate for a ruler: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Upon arrival at the scene, they observe a mother and child, God's heavenly glory on earth to bring light to the nations. Proclaiming God's praise, they fall down and worship. The radiance of God's love evokes wonder and awe.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Partita on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"  
(arr. Frederick Zachau)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

## Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" #159

\*Apostles' Creed

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\*Gloria Patri

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## Dedication

Reading of the Word: Matthew 2:1-12 Page 2

\*Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

8:30 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism

Anthem

Jeff Clise

"Over Desert, Hill, and Valley"  
(words by Margaret Clarkson and music by Larry Shackley)

## Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response "Count Your Blessings" (Chorus)

## Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

\*Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" #140

Preaching of the Word:

**"Is it About the Toy?"**

Prayer of Application

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Consecration

\*Hymn of Consecration

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" #151

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (arr. Wilbur Held)

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\* Congregation will stand if able  
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!



**A new year is like a blank book  
The pen is in your hands.  
It is your chance to write a beautiful story  
for yourself.**