

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 6, 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Epiphany*  
John August Swanson

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OPENING VOLUNTARY

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE                      ANDREW FLETCHER

*(As the opening voluntary begins,  
please use the time to center yourself for worship.)*

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.*

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### ✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*A star has risen in the east.  
Star of wonder, star of night!  
A child is born in Bethlehem.  
**Hark! The herald angels sing!**  
Let us follow the star to Bethlehem  
and bring our gifts to the newborn Christ.*

### ✦ HYMN NO. 151

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

KINGS OF ORIENT

*(Congregation will sing stanzas 1 and 5, and all Refrains.)*  
VERNON ROBBINS, BILL CROSLAND, AND BRENT IVEY, SOLOISTS

### Lectionary Texts for today:

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

## For the younger ones among us:

When Jesus was born, a bright star was shining in the sky above him, and wise people followed the star to come worship Jesus. We will talk about the star a lot today! Listen for it in hymns and in the sermon. Draw a picture of what you think the star looked like. Would you have followed the star, too?

### ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

DAVID FRY

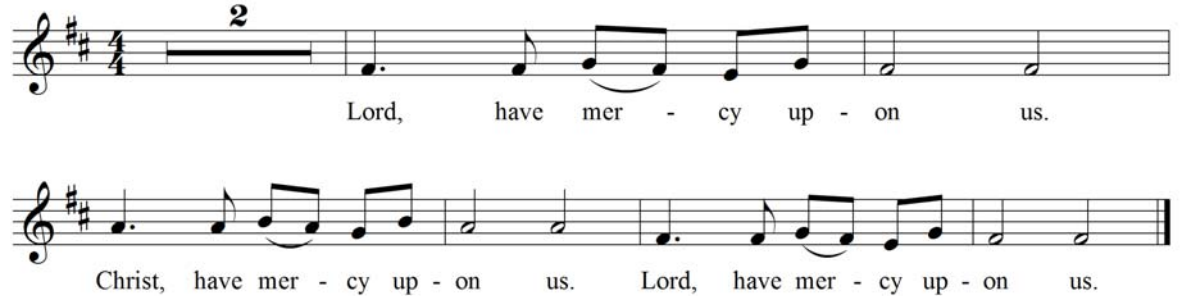
### ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, God of night,  
You are holy light in dark places.  
You are holy darkness when all is too bright.  
Forgive us, O God, when we turn away from your light:  
When we follow our own ambitions instead of your call,  
When we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.  
Forgive us, O God, when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love,  
The meaning of your powerful story,  
Or the call you place on each of our lives.  
Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,  
Empower us to follow the star once more . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### ✦KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### ✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✦PASSING THE PEACE

### ✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 110, STANZA 1

LOVE HAS COME

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises!  
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PAGE 797, OT, PEW BIBLE

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:1-12

PAGE 1 NT, PEW BIBLE

#### SERMON

WHEN THE STAR STOPS

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

### ✦HYMN NO. 127

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS*

HAL H. HOPSON

CHANCEL CHOIR

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

*Refrain:* Christ is the light; Christ is the light of the world.

Christ is the light. Alleluia, alleluia!

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;

Angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch and savior of all. (*Refrain*)

What shall we give him in costly devotion? Shall we bring incense and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine? (*Refrain*)

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. (*Refrain*)

## ✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 708, STANZA 1

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.*

*If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.*

*Grape juice is offered in the silver chalices, wine in the crystal.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## ✦ HYMN NO. 152

WHAT STAR IS THIS, WITH BEAMS SO BRIGHT

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 151, REFRAIN

KINGS OF ORIENT

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

ROBIN DINDA

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Dave Fry.

Our lector today is Ann Hunter.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org). You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

## MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS

### OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen  
Erin Burt  
Julia Watkins

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Additional donations for Christmas flowers were made as follows:

Lynne Rea, in memory of Joel Rea, Bill Kimes, and Dr. James Brooks.

Ann & Rod Hunter, in memory of Ann's sister Carolyn Parks and in honor of Rod's sister Marcia Hunter.

## WELCOME VISITORS

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith. All visitors and newer members are invited to the **Believing and Belonging** class to explore what Presbyterians believe, how those beliefs inform our life at Central, and what it means to *belong* in today's world of competing interests. The next class is **February 24** and **March 3** at 9:45 in the Parlor. For more information, contact Anna at [atraynham@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:atraynham@cpcatlanta.org).

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain  
Brian Bishop ▪ Lee Ebeling  
Em McNair ▪ Ben Evans  
Keith Pascoe ▪ Jeff Figueroa  
Trudy Loper

### Greeters

Ann Bryan ▪ John Bryan

### Sound Engineer

Dean Hammond

### Counters

Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb

### Bell Ringer

Bliss Family

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Bliss Family  
Melanie, Jason, Ally, and Tyler  
  
Trudy Loper and Carys Barr

### Deacons of the Day

Matt Baum ▪ Sarah Helwig

### Choir Guild

Kathy Kohn



## Concert with a Cause:

### Westminster Choir College Concert Bell Choir

Monday, January 14, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir is comprised of undergraduate and graduate students of Westminster Choir College, and is conducted by Kathleen Ebling Shaw.

Westminster Choir College was the first institution in the world to develop a handbell curriculum, which is now in its 40th year. They ring on the largest set of English handbells in the country. A Love Offering will be taken to support the Central Night Shelter and Foot Clinic in loving memory of Katie Bashor and Ike Lee.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, January 6

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

### Monday, January 7

2:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, January 8

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, January 9

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. Invitation Committee Meeting

### Friday, January 11

No events scheduled.

### Saturday, January 12

No events scheduled.

### Sunday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs

9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir

9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day

David Fry preaching

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

4:00 p.m. Global Mission Meeting

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

7:00 p.m. New Members Serve Dinner at the Night Shelter

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MARCH & RALLY

Again this year, Centralites will march as a group in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative March and Rally on Monday, January 21. March begins at 1:45 p.m. We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. in front of the MARTA station at the corner of Peachtree St & Ellis St. We'll watch the march together from there and join in on the end to march to the King Center. Watch for more details in next week's newsletter.



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