

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2018

Epiphany Sunday

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Two Variations on 'Beautiful Savior'"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Tony Merry
Cindy Lawyer
D. N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Lawyer

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" [refrain]

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Cindy Lawyer
(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

GOD IS SPEAKING

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Summons"

Grace Chancel Choir

J. Bell

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(The Sacrament of Communion will be received by intinction this morning. You may come down the center aisles to receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seats by the outside aisles. For those wishing to receive the elements in the pews, simply remain seated and the communion servers will come to you.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 245 "The First Noel"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 585 "This Little Light of Mine" [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE "Third Variation on 'Beautiful Savior'" D. N. Johnson

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 8

Worship – 22, 48

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 7 Isaac Stonecypher

January 8 Bob Lentz

January 9 Jean Caughey

January 10 Shirley Anderson, Drew Hoskinson, Winnie Mayoras

January 11 Aubrey Hamilton, Erin Hollins

January 12 Karen Moon

January 13 Kevin Kaib

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 7	11:30 a.m.	Removing Christmas decorations
Monday, January 8		
Tuesday, January 9		
Wednesday, January 10	NO	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 11	6:30 p.m.	Book Study
	7:30 p.m.	Administrative Board – Classroom
Friday, January 12	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, January 13		
Sunday, January 14	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

HELP! Following today's worship service, the Christmas decorations will be taken down. The more hands we have the sooner it will be done!

The Prayer Team is arranging a twenty-four hour prayer vigil for one of our members, Mellissa Kanavel. Mellissa and her husband, Todd, attend the early service and are very faithful members of Grace. They need significant prayer, beginning on Monday, January 8, at 5:00 a.m. through Tuesday, January 9, at 5:00 a.m. Mellissa and Todd will be traveling to Cincinnati where Mellissa will undergo brain surgery. They need prayers for safe travels, strength, positive outcome, divine guidance for the doctors and their team. We would like you to sign up for specific times so we can keep continual prayer going before, during, and following surgery.

As we ease into 2018, we need our God and our friends around us more than ever before! We're going to hope that it warms up a bit and start the Max Lucado study *Be Anxious for Nothing* on Thursday, **January 11**, at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you then! It looks like a great study!

The children will make their "stone" soup for Club Jesus on January 28. Please bring in a can of soup (not creamed) to mix up so we can make our delicious soup. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND — **The Creative Worship Conference** to be led by award-winning facilitator, Jason Moore! Saturday, **January 20** – Rolling Plains UMC – 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To register – <https://www.foothillsdistrict.org/district/foothills/event/creative-worship-5>

JOIN US FOR SOUP NIGHT – Wednesday, **January 17** – 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite soup to share! Grilled cheese, crackers, drinks, table service provided.



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Epiphany of the Lord - "Rise Up"

The Epiphany of the Lord is an ancient celebration, originally focused on the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of Christ. Today we celebrate the coming of the magi (Wise Men) who brought gifts to the Holy Child who was revealed as the Christ.

For the next few weeks, we will focus on what the church needs to do to get ready for its work of accompanying people on their journey to baptism or restoration in the life of the church during the Season of Lent. This morning we are reminded that it is God speaking to us and among us.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thanks to Joyce Cooper and our praise team for leading us in worship.

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *God Is Speaking* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Going Forth to Celebrate