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**January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday**

WE GATHER

Welcome -

Good morning and Welcome to this service of worship whether in print or online, all are welcome here. When a child is born, light shines. When Jesus is born, hope dawns, and love arrives. We pray that the Newborn Jesus, shine upon us. From the cradle and the cross give us love and life.

Announcements

Acknowledging Our Kinship - As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Candle Lighting - We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

Gathering Hymn - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Call To Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

Take the journey that leads to the child. Let your hearts rejoice.

Be overwhelmed with joy!

We worship the Christ child,
the hope of the world.

Young at Heart - Royal Visitors

Hymn - We Three Kings

Prayer of Confession

O God of goodness and light, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lost our way. Too often we have lived out of our pride and stubbornness and failed to turn to you in our times of need. You have given us all that we need to live sober lives in a right mind. Impel us to sin no more and give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine ways in the world. Help us accept the forgiveness you offer if we but only ask for it. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this coming year with a faithfulness that we scarcely knew we had in us. Power this celebration through your Holy Spirit—the greatest gift you can offer us today. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon –

As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all.

Arise and Shine. Follow the star.

Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem . . . and be transformed from darkness into light.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:1-15

Meditation - *Life Interrupted or Is it?*

Hymn - What Child is This?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -

Lord of bright and abiding Light, you have shown us, in the person of Jesus your Son, a new way to live. You have poured your light into the world and have asked us to live in the light rather than run and hide in the darkness of doubt and despair. You promise to be our light all of our days and ask us to place our trust in you. The journey in this light is risky. It means that we will have to be very serious about our service to you, giving you our best and offering hope and light to others. In this new year, we bring to you the names and situations of others for whom light seems to be a stranger. They struggle with ill health, economic hardship, broken and damaged relationships, loss of loved ones, and anxiety. We place them in your care. Let your light shine on them, bringing healing and hope. Help us to be bearers of that light in all that we do; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Commissioning and Benediction -

Once you were in darkness, but now by the grace of God you have seen the light and become light. The grace of God will lead you by the light of the one whom the Magi worshiped. Live as children of God's light. Amen.

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Subscriptions for the Broadview Magazine totalled nine in 2021. This number includes one for the church which may be borrowed at anytime. The cost of the magazine is \$25.00 for eight issues yearly. Without advertising, donations & grants the subscription price would \$84.00. Subscriptions only make up 28% of the revenue for the magazine. Renewals for 2022 will need to be in by the end of March-22. If anyone is interested they may subscribe at anytime throughout the year, the price would be prorated. Contact Margaret Hutchison at 519-633-1105.



Board Meeting is on January 13 at 10:30am on Zoom.

◀ ◀ **Zoom: if you need assistance with Zoom. Please let Cheryl know.**