

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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Epiphany

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We Gather As God's People

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: #109 [MV] *My Soul is Thirsting for You* (refrain only)

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: We've just come through the season of Advent when we received the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

All: Long ago, the Magi gave valuable gifts to Jesus, and in return received the gift of a dream that led them on a new path.

One: What gifts are we willing to give? What gifts from God are we willing to receive?

All: We're willing to bring Jesus' gifts with us into our service today and into the New Year ahead.

One: Come, let's worship God!

Hymn: #87 [VU] *I Am the Light of the World* + #86 [VU] *An Epiphany Prayer*

Opening Prayer

One: Gracious God, how blessed we are

All: who come to humble ourselves before you!

One: How blessed we are

All: who acknowledge that we don't know everything!

One: How blessed we are

All: who yearn for your restorative love!

One: We come together today to be attentive to your presence, to receive and delight in your Word and in the teachings of Jesus.

All: How blessed we are, as we worship you, our Gracious God! Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #91 [VU] *The First Nowell* (vs. 3, 4, 5)

Time With The Young and the Young-at-Heart

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: God of Epiphany, long ago wise men brought gifts to the Christ child: gold to crown him as king and ruler forever, frankincense to mark him as priest and intercessor, and myrrh to foreshadow his suffering and death. What gifts are offered to us this Epiphany?

All: They include the riches of learning and discovery as we explore Scripture, gaining new insights into what you want us to understand about your way.

One: May we never cease praising you for the greatest gift of all: your incarnation in Jesus, the one who shows us how to live fully in you.

All: In the name of that most precious gift, we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 148 (#871 VU)

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: #96 [VU] *Will You Come and See the Light* (vs. 1, 4, 5)

Prayer of Confession

One: Loving God, you created us in your image, yet too often we don't reflect your light.

All: Instead of being beacons in the night, sometimes we're in danger of snuffing out what light is left.

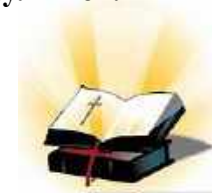
One: Loving God, free us from the shadows that lie in our hearts,

All: so we can reveal to the world the light that is your love and together renew this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: People of God, hear the Good News! The light that is God's love never falters. Through this light, we see that we're not alone, that God shares in our journey and guides us towards the day when we'll share in the love the light reveals.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.



Offering, Doxology (#) and Dedication

Hymn: #81 [VU] *As with Gladness Men of Old* (vs. 1-4)

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Rejoice with exceeding great joy as we worship Jesus.

All: We offer our treasures to God,

One: then depart from here transformed, returning to our homes following another Way,

All: in the love of God, the friendship of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Response: #218 [MV] *May the Love of the Lord**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Worship times: Dec. to Mar.: MUC 9:30 am, WUC 11:30 am.

Bulletin Sponsorship: If you would like to dedicate a service to a loved one, please send a cheque of \$6.00 (no cash please) to Lynne Swanson (Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0). This will cover the cost of the new bulletin covers. Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

Annual Reports: IF you are responsible for any year end committee/board reports – please forward them to Debbie (ucwawota@gmail.com) as soon as you can. Thanks Much!

Nominations: Please consider serving on a church committee in the coming year.

Wawota

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Maryfield

