

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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Minister & Worship Leader

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We Gather as God's People

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light the Christ candle remembering the star that led the wise men to the Christ child.

All: May his light shine through us as a beacon of hope in our world.

(Christ candle is lit.)

Response: #87 [VU] I Am the Light of the World (refrain)

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: Come, meet the King born in a manger!

All: We come to worship the Christ child.

One: Come, discover the One who brought God's light!

All: We come to give thanks for God's love in Jesus.

One: Come, learn the way of the Prince of Peace!

All: We come to live God's way of love, the way of Jesus.

Hymn #81 [VU] As with Gladness Men of Old (v.1-4) + #86 An Epiphany Prayer

Opening Prayer

One: God of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, like the Magi of long ago, we come into this time of worship seeking the Light of the World, your son Jesus.

All: Open our minds and our hearts to the presence of the Light among us.

One: Like the Magi, we seek a beacon of hope, peace, joy and love, a beacon we find in Jesus to help us in the midst of challenge, trouble, and loss.

All: Help us to fill our souls with the light and love of Christ so that we may carry these to the community around us. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #82 [VU] A Light Is Gleaming

Time With the Young-at-Heart

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: Holy God, as we receive your word today, reach into our hearts and plant your love in us.

All: Reach into our experience and find the unexplored places that need and healing and understanding.

One: Reach into our faith your gospel and shape us with your word of life.

All: Prepare us to serve you with confidence, imitating Christ as we live as your people. Amen.

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 148 (#871)

Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #91 [VU] The First Nowell (v.2-5)

Prayer of Confession:

One: Child of Bethlehem, servant King, receive our prayers. Jesus, your names are many: Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace Messiah, Son of God.

All: We give thanks for the mystery and wonder of who you are, the power of your teachings, the gift of your healings, and the holiness revealed in your living.

One: We celebrate that you're not just some historical figure, but our living, loving God

All: Forgive us when we live as if we don't know you or serve you.

One: Forgive us when we're weak in our resolve.

**All: Free us to live a new life in your light, as people of faith,
ready to serve you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

One: With the light of Christ shining in our hearts, we should never be in the dark.

All: With the example of the Holy One, we should never lack knowledge of the right way.

One: With the forgiveness of God, we should never be burdened by guilt or unworthiness.

All: With the presence of the Spirit, we should never lack the power to do good in this world.

Offering & Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn #92 [VU] In the Darkness Shines the Splendor (v.1,2,4)

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: The star has led us across deserts, mountains, plains; through Bethlehem and into Galilee.

All: May we, like the Magi, continually follow the light of Jesus wherever it takes us.

One: We go with the blessing of God the Creator, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the Comforter. Amen.

Response #79 [VU] Arise, Your Light Is Come (v.1)

Announcements

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