

*Today we receive Epiphany stars – paper stars printed with words that signify gifts of God's Spirit. Please choose a star without peeking at the gift written on it! We hope that in the coming year you may discover in your gift something of God's presence in (and purpose for) your life.*

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*The Lord's Table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice.*

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of Majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN #744**      *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

### \*BLESSING OF THE GIVING TREE GIFTS

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**      *Kings and Masters March* by Penny Rodriguez

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## A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE EPIPHANY

### CHURCH OF THE COVENANT and EMMANUEL INDONESIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026

2nd Sunday of Christmas

11:00 am

(\*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts/Sheep May Safely Graze* by Jennifer Eklund

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Caitlin Culp

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Guided by the star we come

**People: To honor the Christ-child**

Leader: Guided by the star we come

**People: To kneel before the Shepherd of Israel.**

Leader: Guided by the star we come

**People: Overwhelmed with joy**

Leader: Guided by the star we come

**People: To worship Jesus Christ, the light of the world!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #151**     *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

God of light and God of shadows, we confess the sins of ourselves and of the world. We take advantage of our power and we disrespect God's creation. We are afraid to dismantle racist and classist structures. Embolden us to find ways to seek justice. Empower us to create light in our world's most unjust systems. We confess that we do not always see the light in others. We too easily succumb to gossip and dismiss others' opinions. Challenge us, O God, to be the good. We know that upon finding Jesus, the magi were filled with joy. We should seek joy, too. Instead, we get caught up in our own lives. We miss out on sharing joys with others. Forgiving God, help us to seek justice and pursue joy. Equip us to be with each other in the shadows. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our light....Silent prayer.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*RESPONSE #88, v. 1**     *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (words adapted on screen)

#### PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

#### ANTHEM

*Meditation* by Jules Massenet

Dani Patdu-Pinkerton

### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6 *(pg. )*

Liturgist

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

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#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12 *(pg. )*

#### SERMON

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#### \*HYMN #152

*What Star is This, With Beams So Bright*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)*

*A New Creed from the United Church of Canada*

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### EUCCHARIST

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING