



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

We Three Kings of Orient Are (Kings of Orient, arr. Steven Scott) (9:00)

Shine, Jesus, Shine (Graham Kendrick, arr. John Carter) (10:45)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be celebrating Holy Communion in worship today.
- All are invited to place their offering in an offering plate during worship.
- The Kiddos' Corner is located at the North side of the Sanctuary. Activity Bags are located inside the main entrance. Please utilize these resources as needed throughout our worship service.
- Thank you to our Worship Assistant, Rachel Berg Scherer (9:00), to our AV technicians, John Rekow and Matt Scherer (9:00), and Scott Saulsbury (10:45), to Tom Barnett for his music, and to the Hospitality volunteers for their help with today's services!

CONFESSIONAL SONG

We Three Kings of Orient Are (John Hopkins)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who sends the word with angels and shepherds,
who is made flesh among all people,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: In Christ, let us boldly name our sin and cry out for peace, taking a moment for our own personal reflections.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess our sin before you. We confess all the times we have replaced compassion with competition, have sought what is mighty while ignoring the meek, and have been quick to anger but slow to forgive. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word and swaddle our hearts with your peace. May all we do, say, and be reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

P: People of God, I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us as a child, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven, and you are clothed in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW 671, vs. 1)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: **on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives. Bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P: You may be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²**For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
**your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
**because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down to Earth (ELW 510, vs. 1) (9:00)
Lord be Glorified (Bob Kilpatrick) (10:45)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

MESSAGE “Making the Connections” (Pastor Laura Laughlin)

HYMN OF THE DAY

The First Noel (ELW 300, vs. 1, 3 & 5) (9:00)

Light of the Stable (Steve and Elizabeth Rhymer) (10:45)

CONTEMPORARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: With the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith:

C: **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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

OFFERING

Epiphany Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen) (Tom Barnett, soloist)

The offering will be received in offering plates during worship. To give by phone with *Text-to-Give*, text 833-497-3991 with the amount that you would like to contribute. To give online, visit our website and click on the *GIVE+Online* icon. We give thanks and praise for all gifts!

OFFERTORY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 657, vs. 1) (9:00)

Give Thanks (Henry Smith) (10:45)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: **your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

COMMUNION GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C: **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 and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! The congregation will be invited, by rows, to come forward and receive a wafer and a cup with either wine or grape-juice. Allergen-free elements are available upon request. Children who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing! If you need to be served at your seat, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION *Thee We Adore* (Thomas Aquinas/Gregorian Chant, arr. Ralph Johnson) (9:00)
 Glory (Let There Be Peace) (Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, and Rachel Popadic) (10:45)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.
P: Let us pray. We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING (SPARK DISMISSAL 9:00)

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
C: **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SENDING MUSIC

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Phillip Nicolai) (9:00)
Go, Tell It on the Mountain (reprise) (10:45)

Tom Paulson's Music Notes

Epiphany of Our Lord is kind of a transitional time for us. The gospel is the story of the three wise men who journey "from the East" in search of "the child who has been born King of the Jews", a story we associate more with Christmas than January. Wasn't Christmas a week and a half ago? Well, yes and no. We may have celebrated on Dec. 24 & 25, but the celebration has not ended. As John says in his Gospel, "The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it." Christmas is also a state of mind and being, a way of living in the light, love, hope, and grace of God. Today we transition from hearing to living.

Our music today reflects both yes and no, and that transition. We are singing several Christmas songs but notice that they focus on the kings - *We Three Kings*, *The First Noel* - who had traveled "from lands afar," and on telling the story - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*. As we tell the story, it becomes clear just how broad, deep, wide, and inclusive God's love is for ALL God's creation.

Music for next weekend: 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir, 10:45 a.m. Servant Song

Rehearsal Schedule

5:00-5:45 p.m. Servant Song

6:00-6:45 p.m. Chancel Chimers

6:45-7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Announcements

Adult Forum

Join us this Sunday, January 9, at 10:05 a.m. for an Adult Forum featuring Krysta Flaharty, Director of Children's Ministry! Krysta will be presenting on her time living and working in Spain, as well as the importance of Epiphany in the Spanish culture. All are welcome!

Next week's Adult Forum (Sunday, January 16) will feature Gina Lindquist from the local organization, The Drawer. You won't want to miss it!

Couples' Bible Study

Join other CoG couples for a fun and insightful Bible study this Sunday, January 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Sun Hall. We will be diving into the four Gospels and learning all about their history, similarities, and differences. Krysta Flaharty will be providing childcare! Please email Pastor Laura (pastorlaura@crownofglory.org) if you are planning to attend and how many kids (if any) you will be bringing with you!

Blood Drive: Save the Date

Crown of Glory will be hosting the Memorial Blood Centers' Bloodmobile on May 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration will be available in the coming months.

Below is a message from Alicia Northenscold at Memorial Blood Centers sent a week after CoG's first blood drive:

"Your blood drive on November 8, 2021 helped to save and sustain lives in our community. A total of 53 units were collected at the Crown of Glory blood drive. These donations are already helping patients in need. Thank you for making a life-saving difference!"

Opportunities to Serve

SPARK Volunteers

We could use some SPARK volunteers in January and February! As we are entering the new year, if you haven't yet had the chance to volunteer (even if you don't have SPARK kiddos!), consider making one of your New Year's resolutions be signing up to hang out with SPARK kiddos on Sundays! I can say from personal experience, it is the best time!

If you are able to help with SPARK, please email Krysta Flaharty (krysta@crownofglory.org) or visit our website (crownofglory.org/children) to sign up on Signup Genius.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

All hospitality teams are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Grant Taylor (952-210-7678) for the 9:00 a.m. service. For the 10:45 a.m. service, please contact Angie Saulsbury (612-644-8976) or Mikel Jones (612-669-8336). For the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturdays, please contact Mary Leopold (952-500-3341).

Seeking New Nursery Ministry Coordinator

We are seeking candidates for our Nursery Ministry Coordinator position! Contact Krysta Flaharty (krysta@crownofglory.org) to learn more and apply!

Seeking New Loaves & Fishes Coordinator

We are seeking a new Loaves & Fishes Coordinator. Please contact Pastor Reggie Klindworth if you are available to fill this role.

Worship Attendance

Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m.: 24

44 (Livestream Views)

103 (Next Day Views)

Financial Update

December Giving Update

Expenses	\$71,259
Rental Income	\$7,361
Giving Through 12/31/21	\$112,664
Total Revenue	\$120,025

Unaudited Sustaining Fund Summary: 12/31/2021

YTD Mortgage & Cash Payments	\$721,534
YTD Revenue	\$691,571
Balance	(-\$29,963*)

*Does not include the Draw 2 PPP Loan that was forgiven in September, 2021

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Worship Schedule: Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.