

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (*unison*) “The Nicene Creed”
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. and was buried. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Go Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn** **HB #174:** “As with Gladness Men of Old”

✠ **BENEDICTION:** *by Pastor Janet*

✠ **POSTLUDE** *by Tracy (Yu) Qian*

Following today’s service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Sally Kean

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

January 2, 2020

- Epiphany -

Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Sally Kean

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian & ADVENT CANDLES by Sally Kean

† stand as able

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 72:11, 18-19 (responsively):

May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

† Opening Hymn **HB #156**: "The First Noel"

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison):

Forgive our sin, when our wills are bent to meet our desires, rather than in reverent submission to you, The King of all kings. As a result, we are often not in one accord, but are divided in our pursuits and intent. Forgive us merciful God and set our hearts, thoughts and deeds aright. (Pause in silent confession.)

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: (responsively)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE: (unison) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† CALL TO GOD'S WORD: John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (unison)

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (unison)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:19&51 N.T. pg. 1460 & 1
Matthew 2:1-23 pg. 1374-5

SERMON Takeaway: "Search for, Store Up & Open Treasures"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford.

† Hymn of Response **HB #176**: "We Three Kings"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING, followed by the LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

Start at front rows by center aisle to come forward for elements.

PARTAKE OF ELEMENTS (unison)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (along with tithing, consider giving to

Gravehaven to work against human trafficking of youth in Ohio)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

† DOXOLOGY: (unison) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.