



Assisting in Worship Today:

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 31, 2017

Celebration of Worship

Welcome

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*Opening Song “He Is Born” #228

*Welcome and Announcements
Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row.

*Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” #238

*Call to Worship:

L: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

P: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

L: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

P: The darkness what surrounds us is gone!

L: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

P: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.

*Opening Prayer: (together)

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus. Shine in our lives. Shine in the Word now read and proclaimed, and we, children of your light, shining for all people, will follow. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children's church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Joys & Concerns

A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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. Amen.

Special Music “Some Children See Him” Bev Spears

Scripture Luke 2:22-40

Message Going Home Again Pastor Mills

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology Hymnal No. 95

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

*Hymn “We Three Kings” #254, vv 1, 2, 5

Benediction