

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Chiming of the Hour

*In silence and reverence, let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

Prelude

*The First Noel*

David Cherwien

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Leader: Come, join the search for all God will reveal. We are the church, committed to an encounter with mystery.

**People: God has sent light to dispel our fears. The glory of God has risen upon us.**

Leader: The gospel of Christ reveals God's grace. We share in the promise of Jesus Christ.

**People: We gather together and lift up our eyes. Our hearts thrill to the sight and our lips rejoice.**

Leader: Through this, the wisdom of God will be made known. There is rich variety to meet each one where we are.

**People: The radiance of truth surrounds us. Boldly and confidently we approach our God.**

\*Hymn No. 220

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Regent Square

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

**God beyond our knowing, grant us today new glimpses of who you are and what you intend for us to be. The powers of this earth bow before you in humble adoration. Mighty nations are tiny blips on the screen of your eternity. Our lives are insignificant except as you enlist us to be a part of your eternal purposes. You draw us irresistibly toward the light. We are attracted to your revelation. We need the sense of purpose you engender among us. Come, Holy Mystery, to reveal as much of your truth as we can stretch to understand and receive into our lives. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 844 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Solo

*Mary Had a Baby*

Traditional

Anne Farquhar, soprano

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pages 235 & 236 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer** (*You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.*)

**Lord's Prayer** (In Unison)

## Offering

### Offertory

*Appalachian Carol*

David Cherwien

### \*Doxology No. 238 (refrain)

*Gloria in Excelsis*

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Children's Time

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Hymn No. 254

*We Three Kings*

Kings of Orient

### \*†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 2 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Gloria Patri No. 70

***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.***

### Sermon

"Wise Guys"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

### \*Hymn No. 251

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Go Tell It on the Mountain

### \*Benediction

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

### \*Benediction Response #246

*Joy to the World*  
(verse 1)

### \*Postlude

### †Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*