

The Church at Worship

* Invitation to stand if able Congregational responses are **BOLDED**

Prelude *The First Noel*

arr. Stephen DeCesare



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit *Arise, Shine*

arr. Diana Meux

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Though darkness cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,

The Lord will arise upon you and glory will appear over you.

The long-obsured way will be made clear,

the mystery hidden for ages will be revealed.

Come, bring your gifts.

Come, worship and adore.

***Hymn #712** *Arise your light has come*

***Opening Prayer**

God, your coming as an infant in a stable passed almost unnoticed,

except to poor shepherds who heard angel voices;

except to King Herod who heard rumours and was afraid;

except to magi who followed a star.

Your living among us quietly continues to astonish.

Make yourself known again, O God, as on that first Epiphany,

that we too may follow and find the Christ, the light of the world.

* **Sung Response**



God Speaks to Us

Scripture Readings **HEBREW BIBLE** Isaiah 60: 1-6

* **Hymn # 43** *God's name forever shall endure (Psalm 72)*

Musical Reflection *Before the Song was Done* Sarah Quartel

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3: 1-12

Children's Time

Bible Quest Invitation



***Gospel Reading** Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon *The Treasure* Paula Papky

We Respond to God

***Dedication Hymn # 172, vs 3**

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,

So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Blessing of the Offering

We Meet at the Lord's Table

The Invitation

* **Communion Hymn #560** *Put peace into each other's hands, vs 1-3*

We share the Bread and Cup

... Therefore with angels and archangels, and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

...Remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

* **Communion Hymn #560** *Put peace into each other's hands*, vs 4-5

Pastoral Prayer

* **Closing Hymn #170** *What star is this?* vs 1-3

* **Benediction**

* **Sung Blessing**



Postlude *In Dir ist Freude* traditional German

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without whom today's worship service would not be possible.

*Go into the world with God's blessing
and peace in your heart*

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Epiphany



MacNeill Baptist Church acknowledges the traditional territory upon which we gather as a community of faith, that territory of the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee peoples. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in peace, friendship, and respect. Acknowledging territory is a beginning and not an ending in terms of our work towards truth and reconciliation. We hope that this acknowledgement will be a springboard towards a deeper relationship with all Indigenous peoples we meet.

