

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

10:30 AM

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

We are searching for a light to guide us.

Arise, shine for our light has come!

We are longing for inspiration to motivate us.

The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.

We are wishing for the world to change.

Look around: people are looking for God's light in us.

We are ready to see what God can do!

Our hearts rejoice in God's glory!

We join together to shine!

* Gathering Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

(projected)

Opening Prayer:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.

We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.

We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules.

We follow the fading www.stpaulssimcoe.com 519-426-1845

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge



**Forgive us for not seeking the true Light,
of Your love for all the world.**

**Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.**

**Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,
in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**

In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *“Advent Promise”* (Ruth Elaine Schram)

*Children’s Hymn: *“We Three Kings”* (#173)

Time with Our Children
(Children Grade 12 and under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (sung by the Choir):

Scripture

**Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2:1-12**



One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *“As With Gladness Men Of Old”* (#172)

Invitation to Offering

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn: *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

(#176)

Declaration of Faith (in unison):

(Lisa Frenz for the Mt. Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church)

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.
The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.
Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.
He was crucified, died, and was buried.
He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

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Pastoral Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"What Child Is This?"*

(#161)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude

light of personal salvation.