

EPIPHANY PAGEANT

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY / BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023



GATHERING

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

When a child is born,
light shines.
When Jesus was born,
hope dawned and love arrived.

May the light of Christ shine upon us.

**From his cradle and his cross,
may Christ give us love and life.**

Come, let us worship the newborn King!

CAROL 119 | STANDING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF ADORATION | STANDING

God of majesty and mystery,
like the magi following the star,
we come to you in wonder.
Your purposes are beyond our comprehension,
your love beyond imagination,
and your presence always with us.
We praise you for your steadfast love,
and offer you our trust for the days ahead
as we seek to follow faithfully
in the footsteps of Christ, our newborn King.
Amen.

LISTENING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL | STANDING

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked us and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.



Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT

CAROL 132 | STANDING

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

RESPONDING

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Friends,
whatever our journey to this point
we remember that in baptism
God claims us as beloved children.

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises.
In baptism God promises by grace alone:
to forgive our sins,
to adopt us into the body of Christ, the church,
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us,
and to resurrect us to eternal life.

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

Through baptism Christ calls us to love and trust God completely,
to forsake the evil of the world,
and to live a new and holy life.

Yet, when we fall into sin,
we must not despair,
for baptism is the sign and seal
of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

And so, today we come once again to these waters,
to renew the commitments made on the day of our baptism.

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil
in your life and in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and,
through worship and service,
seek to advance God's purposes
here and throughout the world?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER | STANDING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We give you thanks, O God,
for the gift of water -
for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams,
clouds and rain, dew and snow.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.

In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.

In the waters of the Red Sea you led the children of Israel into freedom.

In the river Jordan, John baptized Jesus and your Spirit anointed him.

In the waters of baptism you birth us into the family of Christ,

claim us as your beloved children,
bathe us in forgiveness,
and enliven us with your Holy Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Sea of holiness,
Spring of salvation,
Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...

hear our 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 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.

SENDING

CAROL 134 | STANDING

Joy to the World

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Let Our Gladness Have No End

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