

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of our Lord

Call to Worship: [*based on Psalm 72*]

L> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
the kings of Sheba and Seba brings gifts.

**ALL> May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.**

L> For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**ALL> Blessed be God's glorious name forever;
may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.**

Prayer:

L> God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,

ALL> we bless you.

L> Object of the Magi's search, subject of an old man's song,
fulfillment of John the Baptists' preaching,

ALL> we bless you.

L> Mary's son, Joseph's son, God's only son,

ALL> we bless you.

**Accept the gifts of our love and our lives to your glory
in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

HYMN: 'Twas in the moon of wintertime 144

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> O God of the weak, O God of the lowly,
O God of the righteous, O shield of your people,

ALL> speak now through your Word.

The Word of God: *Isaiah 60:1-6* p. 691 (NRSV)
Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2 (NRSV)

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Litany for Epiphany:

L> All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

P> Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

L> O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place
where the Word of life is not yet received.
Draw the whole creation to yourself
that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

P> The grace of God be with us all.

L> O Christ, Saviour and Lord, extend your church to every place.
Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

P> The grace of God be with us all.

L> O Christ, Ruler of rulers,
direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations,
that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

P> The grace of God be with us all.

L> O Christ, Master of all,
support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted,
strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen.
Watch over the lonely and those in danger.
Give hope to the despairing
and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

P> The grace of God be with us all.

[*Silence*]

L> O Christ,
in whom all things find their ending, now and ever. **P> Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion

Prayer

Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace 39

Blessing:

L> The Wonderful Counsellor guide you,
The Mighty God protect you, The Everlasting Father be with you,
The Prince of Peace inspire you,
And the blessing of God be upon you, now and evermore.

ALL> Amen.