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### **Preparation for Worship**

God of endless light, you sent a star—  
rising from darkness,  
guiding seekers and sages,  
overwhelming us with joy.  
Let the splendor of your dawning light  
grow in us and in all the world  
until the whole creation shines with your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our light. Amen.

### **We Gather in God's Name**

Prelude

*Interlude*  
Sean Cator, Pianist

Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the friendship register.*

**† Please stand if you are able.**

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Song of Praise

*He Reigns*

Praise Band

† Call to Worship

One: We have seen a star in the East!

Many: God is with us. Light has come!

One: We have heard the songs of the angels.

Many: God is with us. Love has come!

One: Now we follow the light into the world.

Many: God is with us. Christ has come!

† Hymn #94

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of Mercy and Grace,  
we come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls;

The healing of our hearts and our hurts;

The healing of our relationships;

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible:

Not even our healing;

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal and forgive us,

So that we may be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

## We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem	<i>I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light</i> Chancel Choir	Hayes
Children's Message		Beth Jenkins Smith
Scripture	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	
Hymn #86	<i>The People Who Walked in Darkness</i>	
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-18	
Sermon	<i>The Shape of Shalom</i>	Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick
Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>I Will Lift My Eyes</i>	Praise Band
Response #609	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Prayer of Dedication		Tim Wilder
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		

## We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #265	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	
† Benediction		
Postlude	<i>We Three Kings</i> Sean Cator, Pianist	Arr. Hayes



*The Flowers Are Dedicated by Staff  
To the Glory of God and  
In Honor of Pastor Katie's Ordination  
Your greeters today were Val and Bob Patrick.*

*Please sign up in the Narthex to dedicate flowers for 2019.*



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN  
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they  
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a  
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-  
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 3-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship. K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*** - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 4-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

***GRACE INSIGHTS*** - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomina- tion, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering member- ship and would like to attend a class or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place. New class forming in January 2019.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

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