

January 6, 2019

10:30A.M.

Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Announcements

Introit

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#220

\*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

**We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.**

Arise, shine, for your moment has come, and the glory of God's love and mercy flows through you into the world.

**We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us.**

Arise, shine, for you are called to be God's people, and to bring good news and great joy to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

**Let us worship the God who calls us. <sup>1</sup>**

\*Opening

What Child Is This

#219

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Protector of all who are in need, the words you place within our hearts shine like a guiding star, calling us to show the world your goodness and your grace. Heal us with your steadfast love when we close our minds and shutter our hearts, refusing to let your brightness shine through us.**

**You call us to protect widows and orphans, and to care for all who have no helper. Restore us in your mercy when we put our own comfort before the needs of others, and when we are unwilling to stop the oppression and violence done in our name.**

**You promised to reveal your glory through us and proclaimed that we will shine like the sun when the world is plunged into shadows. Renew us in the power of your Spirit**



**KEEP SEEKING HIM**

**when we refuse to follow the star you have placed before us. Amen. <sup>1</sup>**

Words of Assurance

The Holy One fills us with the brightness of Christ and makes us shine like a star in the deepest night. In the name of Christ you are forgiven.

**In the name of Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen. <sup>1</sup>**

Passing of the Peace and Joy of Christ

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

\*Hymn of Preparation

We Three Kings

#254

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

#895

Invitation to the Offering

Lord, as you have shined the light of your love into our lives; may the same brightness of your love be revealed as we receive this morning's offering. <sup>2</sup>

\*Doxology

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams, accept the gifts we bring you this day, that they may shine like a star, brightening all the world with your grace. Amen. <sup>1</sup>**

The Great Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn

The First Noel

#245

\*Benediction

Like the Magi who followed the star, let the light of God shine through you and in you and all around you. In the name of the Source of all light, the shining Spirit and the one, true Light; go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen. <sup>1</sup>

\*Postlude

*\*Indicates congregation standing*

**Bold text** indicates congregation reading together

3-digit numbers denote hymns in "UMH" United Methodist Hymnal

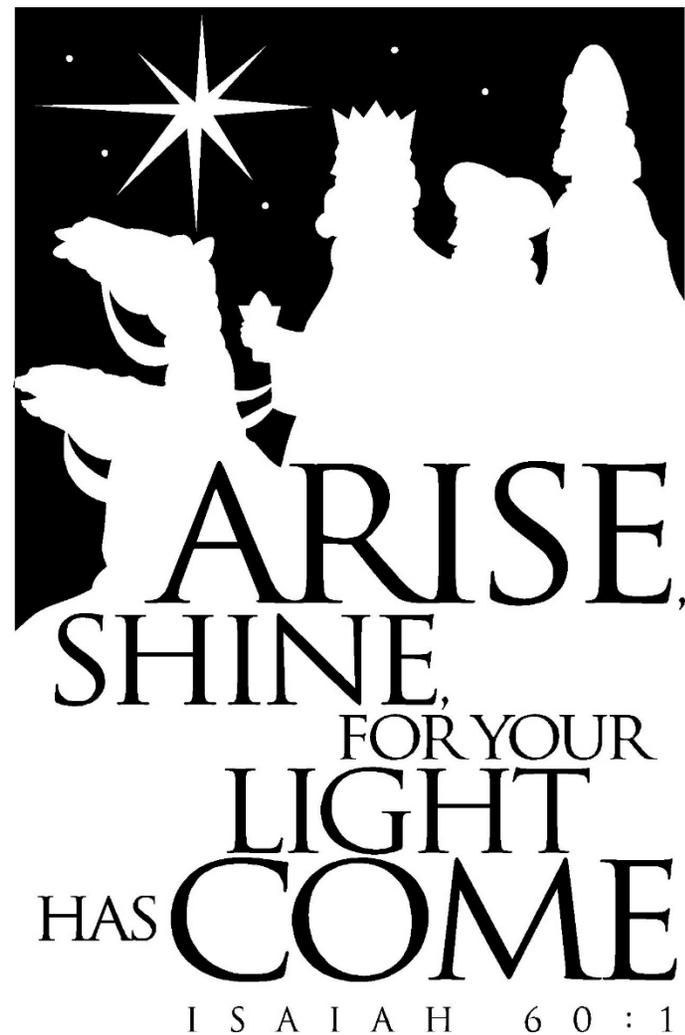
4-digit numbers denote hymns in "TFWS" The Faith We Sing

<sup>1</sup>Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019 (pp. 7-9; 11). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

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