

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2015

OPENING PRAYER

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith. We come seeking God's presence as we travel on. We come seeking light for our strength in our weakness. Shine in our hearts, O God, with the love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong (Raymond) Yee

+HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Kelly

CALL TO WORSHIP

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Todd Stewart

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Star of David has brought light to our darkness.

O come, let us adore him. (sung)

The Rose of Sharon has blossomed in our winter.

O come, let us adore him.

The Lion of Judah has roared in the face of our enemy.

O come, let us adore him.

The Balm of Gilead has come to make the world whole.

O come, let us adore him.

The Bread of Life has come to satisfy the hungry.

O come, let us adore him.

The Good Shepherd has come to seek the lost.

O come, let us adore him.

The arms of God have reached up from the straw.

O come, let us adore him.

The hands of God have grasped our own.

O come, let us adore him.

The Word has become flesh and dwells among us.

O come, let us adore him.

O Loving God, your generous light is here by day, constantly filling yet most of us do not seem to notice you. We live as if our days are in darkness from which we must snatch fleeting moments of happiness. In our desperation for brief pleasures, we trample over one another, wounding our brothers and sisters, the weak and the maimed.

Savior God, cut and polish each of us until we act like a prism of your glory. Through our words and deeds make the invisible become visible. Give us the rainbow wonder of your presence, that the lost and the desperate may find your beauty and trust the light in which we all live and move and have our being.

**God of God, Light of Light, make us a prism of your glory.
In Jesus' name. Amen**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+THE PEACE

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offer the sign of Christ to one another in word, handshake, hug, or kiss.

+HYMN

From a Distant Home

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond

Proclaiming THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 147:12-20

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

SERMON

“JUST SAY THE WORD!”
*He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.*

Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

Hymn 63

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loong (Raymond)

+DOXOLOGY

To God Be the Glory
(first verse)

Hymn 485

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sealing THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Kelly INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

On Epiphany we remember the long journey of the Magi who came to the Jews.

All of us are on a journey.

We travel as a people on a winding road.

We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes, our fears.

For those in Christ, that journey is headed toward the table of the Lord.

We shall be fed and nourished.

On a journey long and often painful, God's people do not despair.

We gather at God's feast joyfully, for we find at the table our hope, our unity, our peace, and our justice.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

*When invited to come forward,
move toward the center aisle and proceed down the aisle
to receive the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake of the elements.*

*If you are unable to come forward,
please remain seated and we will come to you.*

CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

*Let us reach across the aisles joining hands together
in praying the prayer our Lord Jesus taught.*

+POSTLUDE

Dr. Kit Loon