

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 2, 2022 – Epiphany Sunday/Communion Sunday
For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God’s Word and offer praise and
worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

Theresa M. Heiser, Pastor Visit the charge site at PennsValleyParish.info

Listen to the message 24/7 at 814-422-6238. Visit PennsValleyParish.info for more details!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastor Theresa is on retreat January 3-9. If you have an urgent pastoral need, contact Pastor Theresa.
- Learn more about the structure of the church and develop church leadership skills at the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course training offered Friday, January 21st 6:30-9pm and Saturday, January 22nd 9am-5pm led by Penns Valley Cluster pastors, hosted at Grace UMC, Centre Hall. Cost of \$25 covers the participant’s guide, refreshments and lunch Saturday. This enjoyable and informative training is open to everyone. Register online at PennsValleyParish.info or contact Pastor Theresa to sign up. Scholarships available to cover the cost.

CENTERING WORDS In the darkest night, a star shines. Follow this star, for it will lead to
overwhelming joy!

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With
thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise! Shine!

Many: God’s light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

One: Arise! Shine!

Many: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Arise! Shine!

Many: God’s light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

One: Arise! Shine!

Many: Nations shall come to God’s light and kings to the brightness of God’s dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

OPENING PRAYER

**Bright, shining Maker of visions and dreams, the good news of your love lights up the world with
radiant glory. We see you in rain and snow, in sunrise and sunset, in the smiles and hugs and
celebrations that greet the new year. Like the Magi who followed a star to welcome the newborn**

Christ, help us follow the star of your love and bring gifts of wholeness and peace to a world that is broken and in pain. Share with us the boundless riches of your grace, that we might be bearers of your goodness, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, now and in the days to come. AMEN.

† OPENING HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are UMH #254

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Is Christmas Really Over?

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:1-12 // Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE Outsiders Show Up to Worship

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (*Responsively*)

Holy God of life and grace, we give you thanks for the word you have placed in our hearts, that shines like a star to guide our way.

Help us to bring your bright light to the world and shine your love into every place of shadow and fear.

HYMN SING – Congregations' choice of hymns, we will sing 2 or more verses of each!

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE UMH p. 12

- Confession and Pardon
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing the Bread and Cup

One: The body of Christ, given for you. ALL: Amen.

One: The blood of Christ, shed for you. ALL: Amen.

† COMMISSION & BLESSING

† CHORAL BENEDICTION Angels from the Realms of Glory v. 3 only UMH #220

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