

# Kincardine United Church Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

# Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** The Old Year Has Passed Away

Dupré & J.S. Bach

#### **WELCOME**

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship
on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT** In Thee is Gladness

Dupré

# LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light pierces the darkness.

Arise! Shine!

God's light is revealed for the way ahead in this new year.

Arise! Shine!

For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

PRAYER OF APPROACH VOICES UNITED 86 An Epiphany Prayer

Radiant God, light for all people and all places,

by the guidance of a star you led the Magi

to worship the Christ Child.

By the light of faith

lead us to worship you in peace and love,

and guide us in your way.

We pray in the name of Christ,

light of the world. Amen.

## \*VOICES UNITED 81 As With Gladness, Men Folk of Old

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and loving-kindness,

you sent Christ among us as a gift

to be the light of the world

and to reveal your love to all people.

We confess that our sins and foolish ways

hide the brightness of your light;

we waste our gifts,

we ignore cries for justice,

and we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us with your light and make us new. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**SHARING TIME** The LIGHT that overcomes the Dark

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sing together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

BIBLE READING Isaiah 60: 1-6 in Old Testament page 690

\*VOICES UNITED 96 Will You Come and See the Light

BIBLE READING Matthew 2: 1-12 in New Testament page 2

DOXOLOGY VU 268 Bring Many Names verse 6 only

**MEDITATION** "Overwhelmed with Joy"

# **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** We Three Kings

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

#### OFFERING INVITATION

## **OFFERING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious God, accept the offerings we bring;

the gifts of our mind, the loving of our hearts, the work of our hands and the riches we have been given in life. Bless these gifts and bless us and use all things for the building of your kingdom of light in your world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 87** I Am the Light of the World

# \*BENEDICTION

\*SONG OF COMMITMENT MV 37 VU Gloria Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**POSTLUDE** In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach