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## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



*As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.*

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Epiphany

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**PRELUDE** "Little Drummer Boy" arr. by Jim Brickman Dave Howland

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Denise Parr

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.*

*Congregation: **And also with you.***

*Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Watchmen, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory beaming star.*

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Isaiah 60-1-2): (read responsively) Denise Parr

*Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

*Congregation: **The LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you.***

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "As with Gladness Men of Old" #144

**\*INVOCATION** (in unison) Denise Parr

**Interrupt our lives, O God, with stars we cannot refuse to see. Set before us today those life-changing possibilities which will send us on better paths than we have known. Go with us as we explore the mysteries of Christ. Fill us with awe and wonder, with joy and confidence, with generosity and praise. Reveal to us in new ways the promise of the gospel that we may be bold to proclaim the good news by the way we live. We pray in Jesus' name . . .**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using Debts and Debtors)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" #11

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11 | Page #533 OT

Denise Parr

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: **Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM:** "Walk in Light" by Karen Marrolli Chancel Choir

**A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER** Dr. Laura Huggler

**OFFERTORY** "I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light" Carys Rees

**\*DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 2: 7-12 | Page #2 NT Dr. Laura Huggler

*CHORAL RESPONSE*

*Let thy word abide in us, o Lord.*

**MESSAGE** "The Wise Men: How it REALLY was..." Dr. Laura Huggler

**\*SENDING HYMN** "There's a Star in the East" #105

**\*BENEDICTION** Dr. Laura Huggler

**POSTLUDE** "God Rest You Merry" arr. by Wilbur Held Dave Howland

**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry  
**GREETER:** Judy Burger | **LITURGIST:** Denise Parr

*We welcome Dr. Laura Huggler back to Meadowbrook this morning. Please see the back page for more information about Dr. Huggler. Please join us after worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship in our Fellowship Hall. Hosts this morning are Paul, Susan and Lily Brown and Norm and Thelma Kubitskey. Today is the final session for reviewing proposed church bylaw revisions. Please plan to stay for this final review.*