

FROM  
GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...

*We keep seeking*

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church**

January 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 8, 2023**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**      *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*      Andreas Armsdorff  
*(How brightly shines the Morning Star)*

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**INTROIT**      *On Seeing the Star*      Richard Shephard  
*On seeing the star, the wisemen rejoiced with exceeding great joy!*  
*And entering the house, they opened their gifts and presented their gifts;*  
*Gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**  
O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**  
O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,**  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!  
**O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

**\*HYMN #150**      *As with Gladness Men of Old*      DIX

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the Bethlehem star,  
everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ.  
The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him.  
But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger.  
**We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure.**  
**We do not come simply to worship:**  
**we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth;**  
**asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions**  
**for not-so-important requests that we heap before him.**  
But the Magi sought first the kingdom.  
**Help us, God, to follow their example,**  
**putting our own need in perspective,**  
**worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence,**  
**and laying our gifts before you.**  
**Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light**  
**will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*GLORIA**

**Praises to the Holy One, Praises sing in highest heav'n; To the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit giv'n. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dieterich Buxtehude

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom blessings flow. Praise God, creatures here below.**

**Praise, above ye heav'nly hosts, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

*O Radiant Dawn*

James MacMillan

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6

(O.T. p.690)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

(N.T. p.2)

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"We Keep Seeking"*

The Rev. Dr. Louisa W. Umphres

**\*HYMN #182**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**AMEN**

Hymn #599

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## RECEIVING STAR WORDS

For those worshipping with us in-person, ushers will be passing baskets with Star Words. Please prayerfully pick a card at random to receive your guiding word for the year. For those joining online, please text "Star Word" to 859-208-6203 (indicate if you need additional words for other members of your household).

### \*HYMN #744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth into God's world in peace. Be of good courage.  
Hold fast to what is good. Return to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### \*BLESSING TO EACH OTHER

**May the Lord, our gracious Father, bless you this day;  
Give you peace and hope and courage, along your way.  
May you stay within God's keeping, in your waking, in your sleeping.  
In your joy and in your weeping: God be with you.**

### POSTLUDE

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Pachelbel

\*Those who are able, please stand

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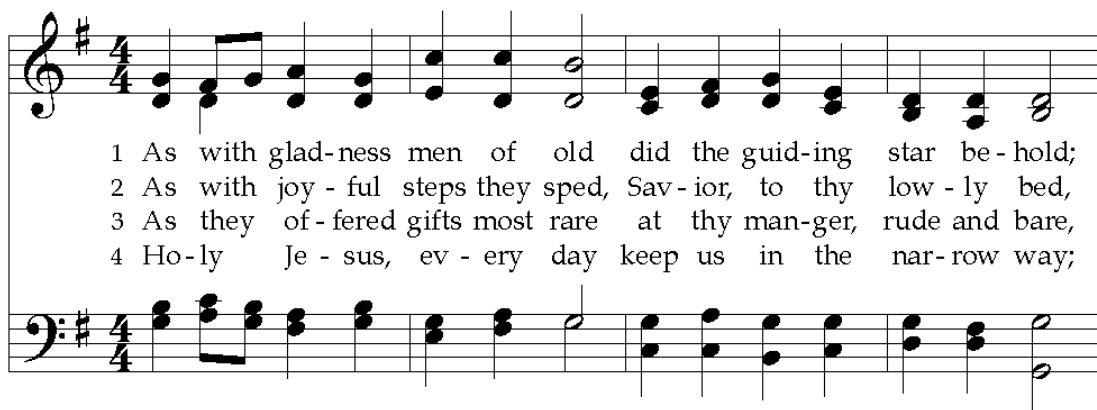
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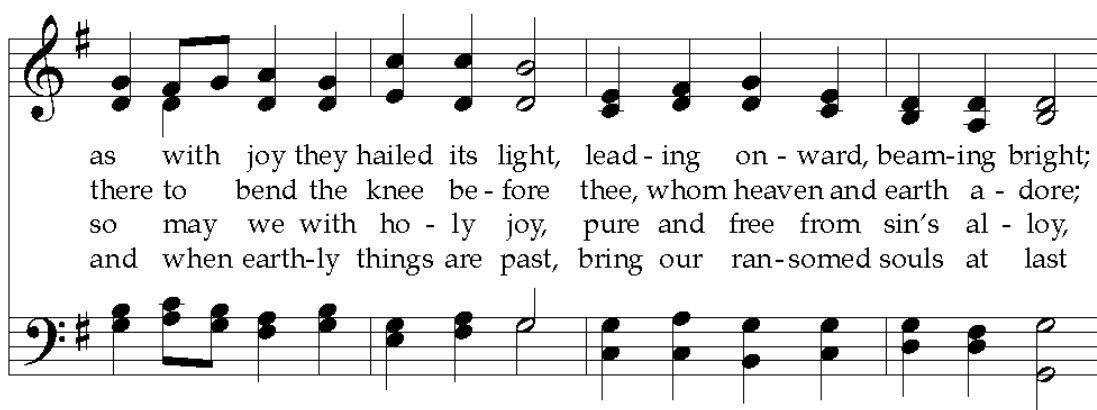


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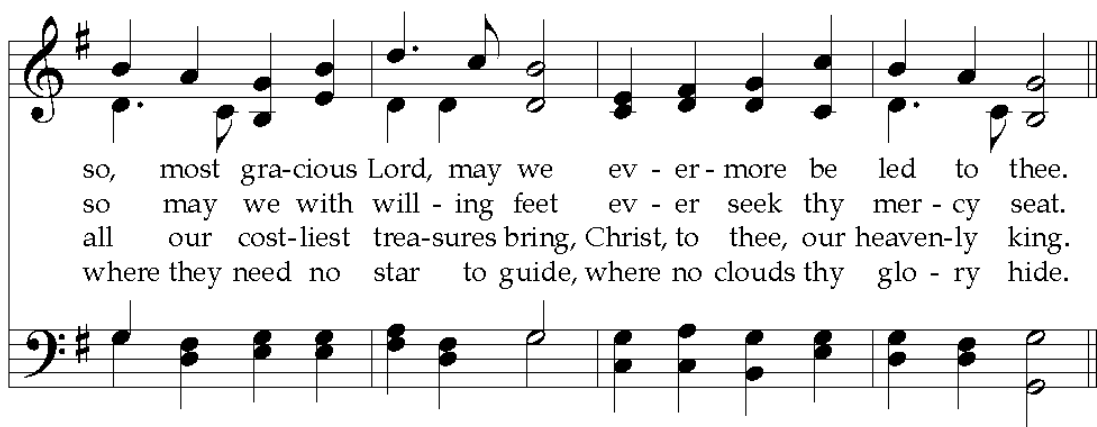
## As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

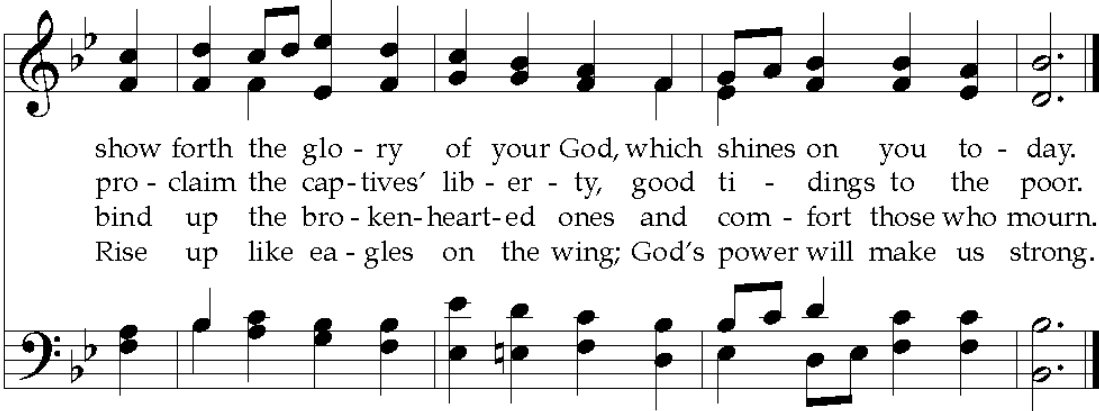
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

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MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
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(this tune in a lower key, B15)