

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 2017

Rev. Nola Boezeman, Guest Minister  
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

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## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise You”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14)

Leader: O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you!

**People: You stay beside us as we journey through life.**

Leader: O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you!

**People: You lead us in your path of justice and peace.**

Leader: O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you!

**People: We know we can always rely on your promises.**

**O God, we gather to worship, praise and thank you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #183

“We Would See Jesus”

Choir and Congregation

\*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

HYMN #174

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

Choir and Congregation

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## The Word of God

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Holy Father, Creator of the heavens, who led the magi by a star to worship the Christ Child: lead us today as we hear your word; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      **Isaiah 60:1-9**

**GOSPEL LESSON**                              **Matthew 2:1-12**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN** (see insert)                              "Worthy of Worship"

**SERMON**    "The Fourth Gift of the Magi"

## Our Response to God

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**                      Apostles' Creed                                      (p. 12 hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #176**                      "We Three Kings of Orient Are"                      Choir and Congregation

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting you elected John Ferris to an Elder position and Ethel Yarter to the office of Deacon. The Book of Church Order requires us to publish the names of those elected on 3 consecutive Sundays before their installation/ordination. If you have a legitimate objection to their assuming office, please contact Vice President of Consistory, Dave Pynaker or any Consistory Member.

## CONSISTORY CONTACTS

If you have need of pastoral care or if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the members of the consistory.

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