



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
January 4, 2026 ~ Epiphany Sunday



We Gather to Worship the Light of the World

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 72)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence, he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

+HYMN #63 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)



PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first together, then in silent reflection)*

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, for whose sake we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)



LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 60:1-6 – Arise, shine for your light has come.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3:1-12 – Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2:1-12 – The coming of the Wise Men. Told by Donna Goodfriend

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Manifesting"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #292

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

FOREST GREEN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

The Hymnal, p. 15

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SINGING (#581)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we sing together the mystery of our faith:

SINGING (#582)

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Light of Christ

+HYMN #275

"God of Our Life"

SANDON

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 4, 2026 ~ Epiphany Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ,
engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow
as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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As with Gladness Men of Old

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DIX 7.7.7.7.7

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858

Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that 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 Him 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 heav-en-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.

GOD

Psalms 19:1-4

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All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN CMD

Frances Whitmarsh Wile, 1911; alt.

English folk melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. All beau-ti-ful the march of days, As sea-sons come and go;
2. O'er white ex-pans-es spar-king pure The ra-diant morns un-fold;
3. O Thou from whose un-fath-omed law The year in beau-ty flows,

The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys-tal of the snow;
The sol-emn splen-dors of the night Burn bright-er through the cold;
Thy-self the vi-sion pass-ing by In crys-tal and in rose,

Hath sent the hoar-y frost of heaven, The flow-ing wa-ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev-ery throb-bing vein, Love deep-ens round the hearth,
Day un-to day doth ut-ter speech, And night to night pro-claim,

And laid a si-lent love-li-ness On hill and wood and field.
And clear-er sounds the an-gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev-er-chang-ing words of light, The won-der of Thy name.

This tune in a lower key, 414

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God of Our Life

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SANDON 10.4.10.4.10.10

Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928

Charles Henry Purday, 1860
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, We trust in Thee;
 2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
 3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known We fol - low - Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be Thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 And faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
 Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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