

**Worship this Week**  
*January 9, 2022 – First Sunday after Epiphany*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prelude: “Adagio from Voluntary (J. Stanley)”

Opening Words

Hymn: “When Jesus Comes to be Baptized”      VU 100

Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Prayer of Illumination

Scriptures:

Psalm #29  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Sermon: “Great Expectations”

Solo: “Sweet Little Jesus Boy (R. MacGimsey)” sung by Bev Robertson

Dedication of our Gifts:      VU 541  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer Refrain

*Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me..*

Pastoral Prayer and Paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus:

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed  
by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done  
by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power  
that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come" VU 79

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace" -D. Besig/N. Price

***Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.***

Postlude: "Serenade (J. Clarke)"

Please remember in prayer:Liz Travis, Marnie Gaylard, Lawrence and Tillie Hazzard,  
Ethel Ballantyne's son Kent, Hayley, Joan & Bernie King, Danvers Leng, Sylvia Chitty.