



Epiphany

Worship

*Port Williams United Baptist
Church*

The Worship of God

January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday

Opening Meditation

Visitors, called in the Greek text magoi appear at the barn doors bearing gifts. . . In our current usage, the term magoi might be best interpreted as "gurus," spiritual masters from the east. To update the tableau for today we might include a Muslim dervish, a Buddhist lama, a Hindu sunyasi and a Confucian sage, and maybe a Druid in the church school montage. They brought gifts — gold, frankincense, and myrrh — and then went home again. They did not stay. They did not become disciples of this child, nor was there any indication that they should.

Harvey Cox

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise** “As with Gladness”

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* **Litany:**

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

* **Children's Hymn** "This Little Light"

vs. 1 - This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna' let it shine (X3)

vs. 2 - Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna' let it shine (X3)

Children's Moment

* **Children's Hymn** "This Little Light"

vs. 3 - Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna' let it shine (X3)

vs.1 - This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna' let it shine (X3)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

* **Offertory** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs 4) 55

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him?
Give Him my heart. AMEN.

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Prayers of the People of God

Don Flowers

Response "Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark" 19

John L. Bell
and Graham Maule

John L. Bell (b.1949)
and Graham Maule (b.1958)

Musical notation for the first part of the response. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bm, G/B, A, and Bm/A. The lyrics are: "Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and".

Musical notation for the second part of the response. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, A7, and F#. The lyrics are: "take all fear a - way.".

Sermon A Very Personal Epiphany *Don Flowers*

* **Hymn of Preparation** “O Radiant Christ” **84**

Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Elements

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “When Heaven’s Bright” **94**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” **64**

*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel*

Postlude and Quiet Reflection



Port Williams United Baptist Church

welcomes and affirm all persons, regardless of race, class, origin,
sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We welcome as Members those who profess “Jesus is Lord.”

We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter
from another congregation.

You are welcomed here and invited to be a part of our community
If you are visiting we invite you to sign our guest book at the back
of the sanctuary or fill out a Visitor Card found in the pews.