

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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## Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Diligence** is doing what needs to be done with care, concentration and single-pointed attention. It springs from our desire for excellence. When we work with diligence we give our absolute best. We are artisans, crafting whatever we create with love. We work meticulously in alignment with our purpose. Diligence is needed in tending our relationships. We choose them with discernment, then give them our full commitment, joy, love and excellence to keep them strong and alive. Diligence is deeply satisfying to our souls. (The Virtues Project)

## Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol"  
trad., arr. Percy Grainger



### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

The wise men saw the star in the east and followed it, trusting they would find God.

We too are here today, with the same trust that we too will find God.

Moving past fear and doubt, they followed the star until it stopped right over the place where the child was.

We come hoping to move past our fear and push beyond our doubts so that we, too, might find the Christ among us.

Upon finding him, they offered their finest gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We bring our best gifts, too, knowing that in God's presence they will be transformed and so will we. Let us worship God together.

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

Arise, shine, and let the light of God be within you. Be with us, O God, and share with us Your light on our path. Be a beacon of light and hope in a world that is immersed in shadows and despair. Be among us, O God, and shine Your light on our path. Let the light of the star in the east remind us that we can find God's direction for our lives if we only look. Be with us, O God, to show Your light on our path as we worship today. Amen.

**Carol** "We Three Kings" vs. 1, 2

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

**Refrain:** O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign R

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

O wise God, when the magi needed a new path,  
You sent them a dream. When we need a new  
path, You will send us dreams of inspiration.  
Open our hearts and minds to receive Your  
promise. O God, as we look back on the year just  
passed, we know we have missed paths You  
opened to us, perhaps because we were

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overwhelmed or afraid. May the courage and  
wisdom of the magi guide us in this New Year and  
give us peace, hope and confidence. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

God's light shines brightly in our lives; guiding our  
journey and filling us with hope for the future. Amen.

**Solo** "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?"  
Frank Loesser J. Brooker, baritone

**Hebrew Lesson** Isaiah 60:1-6 C. Watanabe  
(Arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is shining  
on you.)

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12  
C. Watanabe  
(The journey of the Wise Men searching for the new-  
born king.)



**Carol Story** "The First Nowell" Rev. Cooper  
**Carol (91)** "The First Nowell" vs.1,2,4  
1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

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in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

- 2 They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. R
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. R

**Carol Story** "Twas In the Moon of Wintertime"

**CaroL (71)** "Twas In the Moon of Wintertime" vs. 1,2

- 1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
**Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.**

- 2 Within a lodge of broken bark  
the tender babe was found,  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin  
enwrapped his beauty round;  
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high: R

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**Carol Story** "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

**Carol** "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" vs. 1,2,3

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

2. In Bethlehem, in Israel  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

3. Fear not then, said the Angel  
Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of a pure virgin bright  
To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's pow'r and might  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

**Song Story** "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

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**Song** "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"  
You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen  
But do you recall  
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say  
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee  
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
You'll go down in history"

## **Responding to God**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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;**

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**And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol (43)** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1,2,3  
**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **R**
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth! **R**
- 3 Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent our salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. **R**

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness,  
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

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And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.  
(Irish blessing)

**Postlude** "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" J.R. Murray  
arr. Kevin Olsen

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

**Many thanks** to B. Kai, J. Brooker and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to C. Watanabe for reading our scriptures. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Special thanks** to J. Brooker for singing in our service today. It is always a joy to hear you sing.

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Epiphany Sunday.** We celebrate the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus. We will sing some Christmas carols with other special music.

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Baptism of Jesus Sunday**

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Worship Service**

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

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**BUC Prayer Group:** These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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**God bless you**, stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.



**Wishing you a Happy New Year!!**