

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# THE SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS CHRIST

January 4, 2015

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. Smith

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

**The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine upon you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.**

\* Hymn: PH 358, stanzas 1-4

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Dix

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

This is the Epiphany of our King!

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

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Lord God, by the leading of the star, you manifested your Son to the peoples and nations of the earth. Lead us, who know you by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.**

\* Response: PH 358, stanza 5

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In that glorious city bright none shall need created light;  
you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have too often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts and have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us as we confess our sins, and restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Lamentations 3

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 370

"The King of Glory Comes"

PROMISED ONE

(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 1:4-14, 22-28

Sermon: *The Glory of God*

Prayer

\* Hymn: Insert

"Be Thou My Vision"

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## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Trumpet in Dialogue"

Clerambault

\* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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