

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE

## January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday



**Prelude**

John Ross, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Chris Peters

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

**Call to Worship**

Deacon Suzanne Bartlett

One: The Magi had a dream...

**All: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.**

One: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

**All: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.**

One: So let us be like the Magi,

**All: May our dreams inspire action. May we worship the one true God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #145      What Child is This**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Individual Silent Prayer**

*Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

**\*Response of Praise**

**#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem v.4**

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

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Chris Peters

*\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

**Special Music**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Prophets** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Gospels** Matthew 2:1-12

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

**Sermon** "Those Who Dream... Persevere"

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #151** ***We Three Kings***

**The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**The Lord's Prayer**

***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 and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Suzanne Bartlett

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

John Ross, organ