

ALAMEDA
Christian Reformed CHURCH



welcome TO WORSHIP
January 07, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am
10:30 am
12:00 noon
1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study
Family Worship Service
Fellowship Hour
Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

January 07, 2018

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Worship Sourcebook states that "The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation or appearance.' In the context of church history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi." The adoration of the Magi is a sign that the light of Christ has come for the whole world, even Gentiles from the farthest reaches of the known world. Through the baptism of Jesus, the love of God is demonstrated and revealed as a Trinitarian relationship.

The Epiphany season places special emphasis on the teaching and healing ministry of Christ. The Season of Epiphany starts on January 6th and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From Christmastide to the beginning of Lent worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent.

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Praise

*Songs of Praise:

“Amazing Grace” (#693)

“Jesus is our King” (#602)

“Shout to the Lord” (#603)

*God’s Greeting

Choir Anthem: “The Power of the Cross”

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (#538 vs. 1)

Institution

Creed and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation

Distribution (during passing of bread and cup):

“Behold, the Lamb” (#840 vs. 1-3)

***Response of Praise:** “Behold, the Lamb” (#840 vs. 4)

Response

Prayers of the People

Offering: Benevolence Fund

*Hymn of dedication of gifts:

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (#876 vs. 1)

Proclamation

A Word to Children of All Ages

Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24 (p. 1280)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “It’s that SIMPLE”

Response of Faith: HC QA 1

***Hymn of Response:** “My Only Comfort” (#781 vs. 1-3)

Sending

*Benediction

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#965)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Carrie Dole