



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

January 19th 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord. **

Providence
Church

Brightest and Best of the Stars

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our dark - ness, and
 2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, Low lies His head with the
 3. Say, shall we yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, O - dors of E - dom, and
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion, Vain - ly with gifts would His

lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our
 beasts of the stall; An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing, Mak - er and
 of - f'rings di - vine? Gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean, Myrrh from the
 fav - or se - cure; Rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion, Dear - er to

in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all. Bright - est and best of the stars of the
 for - est, and gold from the mine? God are the pray'rs of the poor.

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east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

**GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US**

Prelude

Elder Ed Gregg

Pianist

Joy Cowart

Exhortation

One Lord, Jesus Christ

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

Brightest and Best of the Stars

Call to Worship

*Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen!

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalms 122:1-2

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Maker of Heaven and Earth!

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Psalm of Faith

People: Amen

Psalm 2, Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

From Psalm 2

1. Why do the heath-en na-tions vain-ly rage? What pride-ful schemes are
2. He speaks to them in right-eous, ho-ly wrath; God vex-es them and
3. "The na-tions come; You are the on-ly Heir, The ends of earth will

they in vain de-vis-ing? 2 The kings of earth and rul-ers all en-gage
shows His great dis-pleas-ure. 6 "Yet so I set My King up-on the path
be Your own pos-ses-sion 9 And bro-ken with a rod of i-ron there,

In e-vil plots, and in their sin con-triv-ing, They take their stand a-
That up-ward wound to Zi-on, My own treas-ure." 7 "You are My Son, to-
Re-bel-lious pot-ter-y comes to de-struc-tion." 11 Now serve the LORD, with

gainst our GOD's Mes-si-ah; 3 They claim they will not keep His bind-ing chains.
day You are be-got-ten, - I will de-clare what God has said to Me-
fear and glad-ness trem-bling, 10 And there-fore, O ye kings, seek wis-dom here.

4 The One en-throned in high-est heav-en, high-er,
8 And not one tribe will ev-er be for-got-ten.
12 How blest are those who trust with-out dis-sem-bling,

Mocks them to scorn, on them de-ri-sion rains.
You will re-ceive the world, just ask of Me."
Who kiss the Son and bow in rev-erent fear.

GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts!*

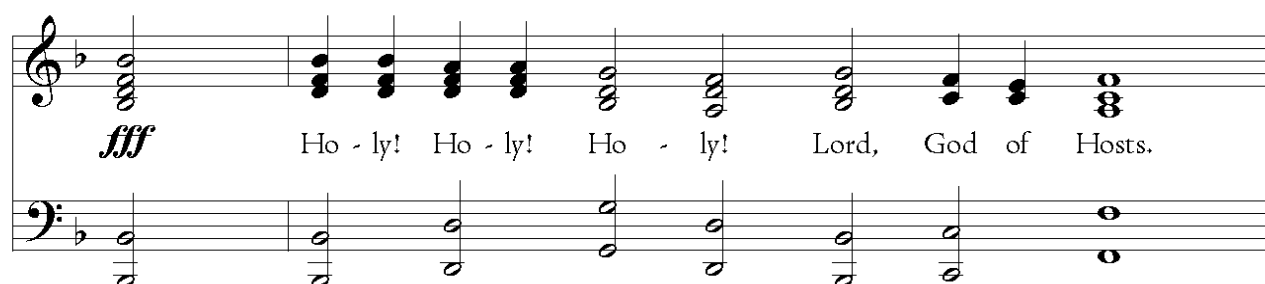
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!*

People: **It is proper and right to do so.**

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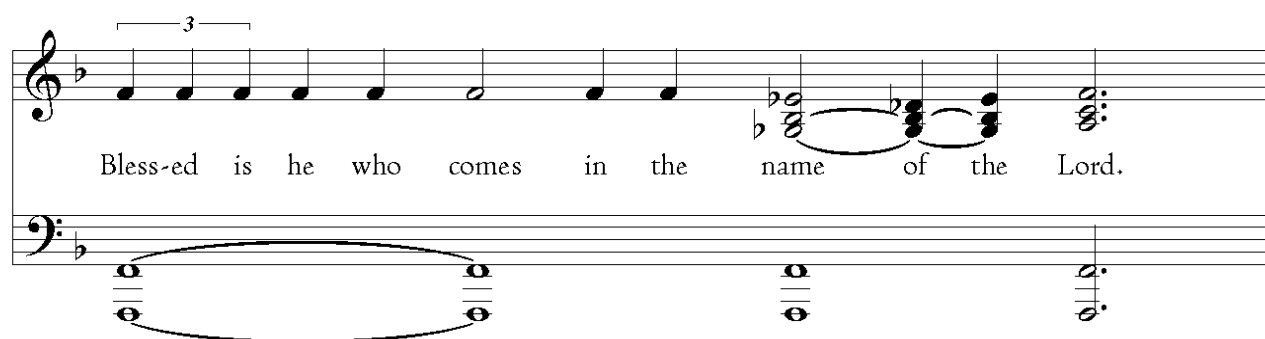
Pastor: *Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High - est!



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the High - - - est!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 89:1-18

Pastor: A Maskil. By Ethan the Ezrahite.

"The lovingkindnesses of Yahweh are everlasting." I will sing it generation after generation.

People: I will make known your faithfulness with my mouth.

Indeed, I will declare that such lovingkindness stands firm everlastingly.

The heavens—You established your faithfulness in them.

"I cut a covenant with my chosen one;

I swore to David my servant:

To everlasting will I establish your seed,

And I will make your throne firm generation after generation. *Selah.*

And the heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh,

And also your faithfulness in the assembly of holy ones,

For who in the clouds can compare with Yahweh?

Who is like Yahweh among the sons of the mighty ones?

The Mighty One is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,

And he is fearsome above all those surrounding him.

Yahweh, God of Armies!

Who is like you, Mighty Yah, with your faithfulness around you?

It is you who rule the surging sea;

When it mounts up its waves, it is you who still them.

It is you who crushed Rahab like one of the slain;

With your strong right arm you scattered your enemies.

Yours are the heavens; yours also is the earth.

The world and its fullness—it was you who founded them.

North and south—it was you who created them.

Tabor and Hermon—at your name they sing for joy.

Your arm is mighty; strong is your hand;

Exalted is your right hand.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

Lovingkindness and trustworthiness go before your face.

Blest and merry are the people who know the festal shout.

Yahweh, in the light of your face they walk.

In your name they rejoice all the day,

And in your righteousness they exult,

For it is you who are the splendor of their strength,

And by your favor you exalt our horn.

Indeed, Yahweh is our shield,

And the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Amen!

Yes! Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE NICENE CREED

(Please Remain Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading

Leviticus 23:33-34

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Colossians 1:15-29

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

John 7:1-25

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of Faith:

Let All the Stars in the Skies Give Praise

People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Pastor Alan Stout

Title: ***My Time Has Not Yet Come*** (Outline on last page)

Text: *John 7:1-25*

OFFERTORY **

(Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Hymn of Response:

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

People: Amen

*** In the Old Testament the last part of the consecration was the Tribute Offering. It represented all the work that had been done by the person making that sacrifice. Our Offertory, the tithes and offerings, corresponds to this Tribute Offering. This is an act of corporate worship, thanking God for our ability to work and confessing that all your labors are for him and for his kingdom. The Tithe Box is at the back of the Church.*

Let All the Stars in the Skies Give Praise

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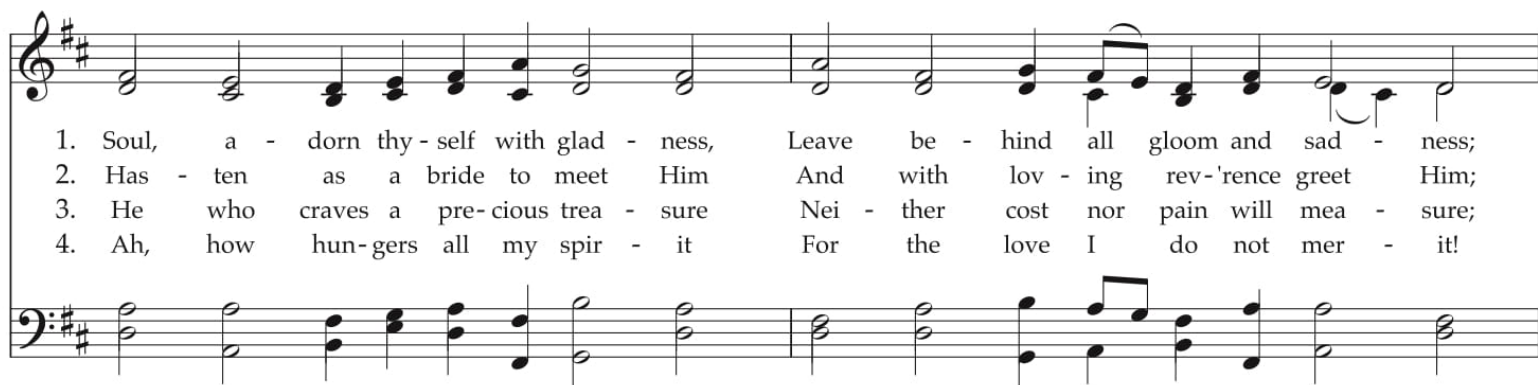
1. Let all the stars in the skies give praise,
2. Let Ra - chel weep for her chil - dren lost
3. Let Ja - cob's star rise in east - ern skies,

Let all the heav - ens their an - thems raise,
And Ra - mah cry at the aw - ful cost.
And let a scep - ter from Is - rael rise,

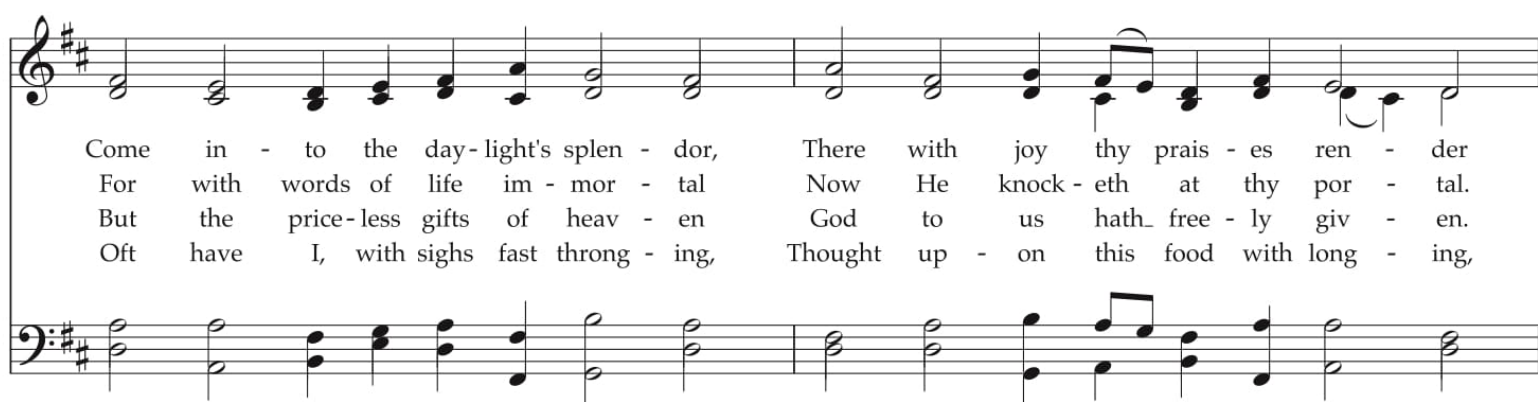
Come down and sing them in the shep - herds' night,
Jo - seph is warned in a dream to run,
Come down and guide the wise men to the place

Glo - ry to God for in - car - nate Light.
And out of E - gypt is called the Son.
Where God has vis - i - ted A - dam's race.

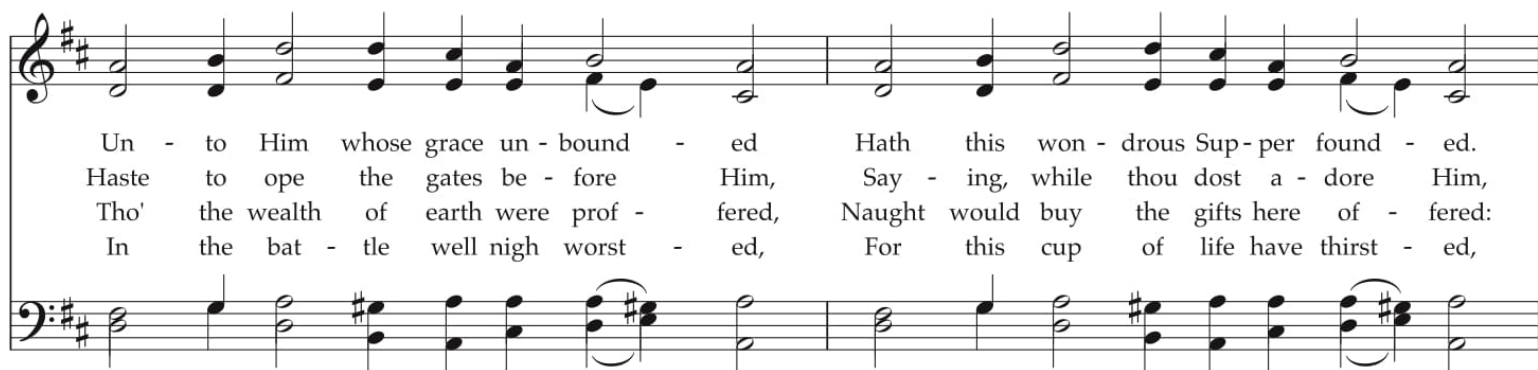
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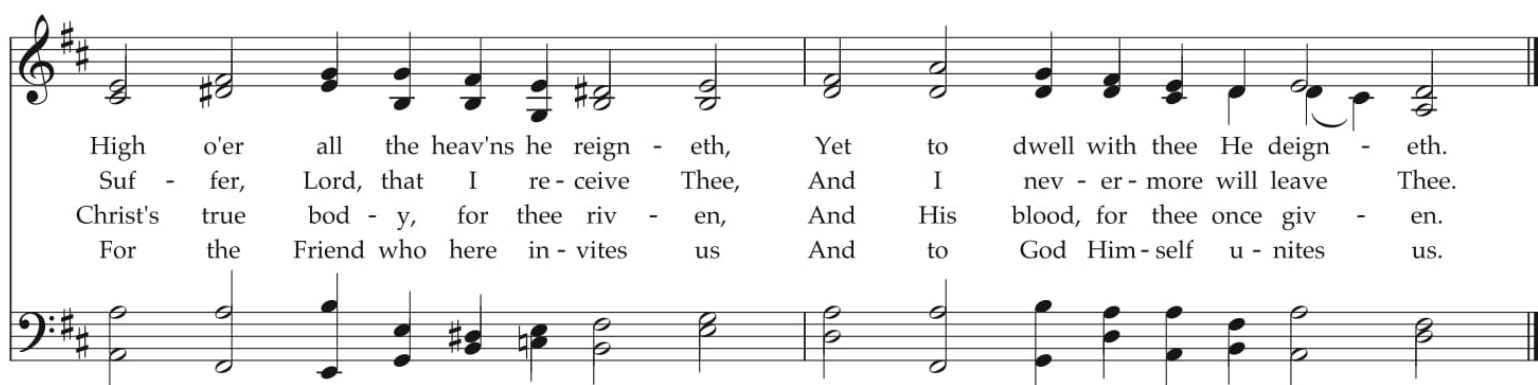
1. Soul, a - dorn thy - self with glad - ness, Leave be - hind all gloom and sad - ness;
2. Has - ten as a bride to meet Him And with lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him;
3. He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor pain will mea - sure;
4. Ah, how hun - gers all my spir - it For the love I do not mer - it!



Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, There with joy thy prais - es ren - der
For with words of life im - mor - tal Now He knock - eth at thy por - tal.
But the price - less gifts of heav - en God to us hath free - ly giv - en.
Oft have I, with sighs fast thron - g - ing, Thought up - on this food with long - ing,



Un - to Him whose grace un - bound - ed Hath this won - drous Sup - per found - ed.
Haste to ope the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him,
Tho' the wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the gifts here of - fered:
In the bat - tle well nigh worst - ed, For this cup of life have thirst - ed,



High o'er all the heav'n's he reign - eth, Yet to dwell with thee He deign - eth.
Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee, And I nev - er - more will leave Thee.
Christ's true bod - y, for thee riv - en, And His blood, for thee once giv - en.
For the Friend who here in - vites us And to God Him - self u - nites us.

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world.

Amen.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By partaking in bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local Church that you are in covenant with God in a congregation where the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

Passing of the Bread: (**"The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you"**)

Passing of the Wine: (**"The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you"**)

Congregational Response: **Gloria Patri**

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end,

A-men, A-men.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

The Lord's Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

People: Let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. Amen!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Hymn:

Saw You Never in the Twilight

People: Amen!

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

Amen!

** There are two cry rooms available for children that need to be helped during the service. The room on the left hall as you walk into the sanctuary, is for older children and their parents. If they need to be disciplined or encouraged to quiet down, please calm them down and then please bring them back into worship. The library, in the hall to the right when you walk in, is for nursing mothers. Feel free to use both as needed.*

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

Epiphany

1. Saw you ne - ver, in the twi - light, When the sun had left the
2. Heard you ne - ver of the sto - ry How they crossed the de - sert
3. Know ye not that low - ly ba - by was the bright and morn - ing

skies, Up in Heav'n the clear stars shin - ing Through the gloom, like sil - ver
wild, Jour - neyed on by plain and moun - tain, Till they found the ho - ly
Star? He who came to light the Gen - tiles, and the dark - en'd isles a -

eyes? So of old the wise men, watch - ing, Saw a lit - tle stran - ger
Child? How they o - pened all their trea - sure, Kneel - ing to that in - fant
far? And we, too, may seek his cra - dle, there our hearts' best treas - ures

star, And they knew the King was gi - ven, And they fol - lowed it from far.
King; Gave the gold and fra - grant in - cense, gave the myrrh in of - fer - ing?
bring; Love, and faith, and true de - vo - tion for our Sav - ior, God, and King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24 th	Young Adult Study	Meets at the Smith home
January 27 th	Ladies Study	Fellowship Hall, 9600 N Palafox
January 26 th	Fellowship Meal	Immediately following our service. Please bring a main dish, a side, and a dessert (Enough for your family and a few others)
February 5 th	Vespers	5:30 PM At Trinitas Christian School. Pizza and Salad meal to follow our prayer service
February 8 th	Inquirer's Class	8:00 AM - 12:00 at the Fellowship Hall, 9600 N Palafox. Please RSVP with Pastor Stout. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available upon request

Sermon Text: *John 7:1-25*

Sermon Title: My Time Has Not Yet Come

Sermon Outline:

Jesus comes to a transition point in his ministry. He is about 6 months away from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his work will become more public, more declarative of his nature as the Son of God. But at this point, Jesus is walking about Galilee and avoiding the Jewish rulers who are seeking to kill him.

- I. The plot to kill Jesus.
- II. My time has not yet come
- III. Jesus goes to Jerusalem
 - a. The Jews were looking for him.
 - b. Some say he is a good man. Some say he is deceitful.
 - c. He goes up to teach.
 - d. If you want to know God, obey him (vs 17)
- IV. The Self deception of sin.

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