

**Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Onancock, VA**  
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## **January 3, 2021 Epiphany**

Prelude & Welcome: Good morning! Happy New Year! Welcome to worship, one and all. Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ. "Let us worship God!

Choral Opening *For the Silence of the Snow*

Call to Worship

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Opening Prayer

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #PH 63 As with Gladness Men of Old

Young Disciples

Call to confession *God is here. Trusting in God's grace, Let us confess our sufferings, our losses, our pain, our sins. Join me, as we pray together, saying,*

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance: *Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!*

**Gloria Patri #579 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, amen. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reading Psalm 19: 1-10; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Chasing a Promise

Hymn #66 We Three Kings

Announcements/Offering

Doxology **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.**

Prayers of the People & 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**

Hymn #68 What Star is this with Beams so Bright?

Benediction

Choral Closing

Postlude

**"The Work of Christmas"** composed by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

*The poem "The Work of Christmas" is from Howard Thurman's The Mood of Christmas*

### Our Mission Statement

*"Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously."* Micah 6:8  
**Compassionate, Fair and Loyal**

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