

Worship Program for First Church in Pembroke

'In Observance of Epiphany'

Sunday, January 8th 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah, the prophet, saying. In Ramah was there a voice heard, lamenting, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:17-18)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Come, my people and let us reason together. Let us acknowledge the One who is called Salvation, The Redemption, and The Light to the Gentiles.

C: There was a man from the land of Uz, whose name was Job, and he was first to acknowledge Jesus as The Redeemer.

P: Indeed, our Redeemer and friend came into this world to save us. We are thankful and we are honored to be counted as righteous in his eyes.

C: The angels worship him, the animals in their own way show obeisance to him, and today we the people filled with humility bow our heads in recognition of our Lord.

P: Come, my people and let us worship together. Let us magnify the Lord. Let us magnify his greatness and his awe inspiring works.

C: We sing the wisdom of our Lord, of his good works and for lighting the path to lead us the children of men to eternal glory.

ALL: Amen, and let it be so! Our Lord is the Great I am! Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #12 (Black Hymnal) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

There was One who was willing to love his children with a pure love and who demonstrated a loving-kindness that was beyond words. There was One who

took the initiative and stood up to protect mankind from the wrath of the evil one. Today, this same One is still alive and continues to embrace us despite our flaws and faults and is forever forgiving of us. His name is Jesus, who is the firstborn of all creation. He is the One who is, who was and is to come. We are not ashamed nor are we afraid to magnify his name. As watchmen on the wall, we call on the holy name of Jesus to lead us with his mighty hands and bring us into the realm of his glory. Loving Savior, enlighten us to be a blessing to others and to continue to be ardent worshipers of your holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:7-12

SERMON:

'Dream Like a Magi'

by Minister Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #227 (Red Hymnal) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Psalm 76:11)

"Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him who ought to be feared."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #488 (Red Hymnal) "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: