Order of Worship
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Welcome and Congregational Updates
Rev. John O’Neal

The Community Gatherers

*Responsive Call to Worship
Elizabeth Esterchild

One: Have you seen the star of Bethlehem? Arise people of God: let it shine in your darkness.

All: We seek to follow the wise ones who led the way. We are ready to worship.

One: Come from the East, the West, the North and South. Come as you are!

All: We see the Glory of God in our midst, our hearts rejoice.

One: The path of Wisdom is set and stretched before you. Follow the star.

All: Let us bring our gifts and carry the good news to the world. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 173
As with Gladness
DIX

*Unison Invocation
Congregation

God’s ways are not ours, God’s thoughts are wise beyond our own. Yet, God sends Wisdom and shows the light to guide us to the truth found deep in our hearts. Truth that seeks mercy and justice. Truth that is revealed in newborn flesh, body and blood, bread and wine. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and give us peace as we come to adore you.

The Passing of the Peace
As a sign of reconciliation with God and others, you are invited to greet those around you by offering the peace of Christ.

Responsive Hymn 133
like a child
LIKE A CHILD

Children are invited to join children’s leaders at the back of the sanctuary for church school at this time. They are also welcome to remain with their parents.

The Community Proclaims God’s Word

The First Reading
Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
Don Manworren

Anthem
The Work of Christmas
MMCC Choir

The Second Reading
Matthew 2:1-12
Rev. John O’Neal

“Wisdom’s Promises”
Rev. John O’Neal

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Rev. John O’Neal

The Lord’s Prayer
Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving
Elizabeth Esterchild

Offering
Come, All Ye Shepherds
Alfred V. Fedak

*Response
Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Hymn 124
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
PEACEFUL

Invitation to Communion
Don Manworren

Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups.

Prayers at the Table
Cindy Short

Communion
O Little Town of Bethlehem
David Cherwien

Meditation
Greg Nunn, organist

The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World

Charge to Discipleship
Rev. John O’Neal

*Closing Hymn 172
We Three Kings
KINGS OF ORIENT
*Benediction
Rev. John O'Neal

Postlude
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Greg Nunn, organist
Emma Lou Diemer