

## Highlands United Methodist Church Order of Online Worship January 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM The Epiphany of the Lord

Preaching – Rev. Henry Gibson Children's Moment – Mary Elizabeth Neal Choirmaster and Organist – Richard Phillips

Choral Ensemble – Naomi Archer, Brian Bellenger, David Busby, Savannah Busby, Kara Cargile, Logan Cobb, Emilee Cornwell, Lindsay Dawson, Thomas Head, Brett Huffman, Mary Elizabeth Neal, Josh Rezeck, Suzanne Phillips, Lee Stayer

Improvisation on The First Nowell

C.P.P. Burton (1904-1962)

THE FIRST NOEL

Isajah 60:1-6

The Reverend Henry Gibson

Descant Setting: Sir David Willcocks

Hymn (See last page of document for text and music)

The First Lesson

Call to Worship

Anthem

The First Noel

The Best of Rooms The Choral Ensemble

Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes; To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms: Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part; Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The Children's Moment

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Henry Gibson

## Anthem

## In the Bleak Mid-Winter

The Quartet

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

Arranged by Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Text, Christina Rossetti

Text, Robert Herrick

Mary Elizabeth Neal

The Gospel Lesson

The Homily

The Choral Benediction

## The Work of Christmas

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 flock, 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 brothers, To make music from the heart.

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Text, Howard Thurman

Announcements, Blessing and Sending Forth

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

Voluntary

Grand Choeur in B Flat Major

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Matthew 2:1-12

The Reverend Henry Gibson

