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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Epiphany
Sunday, January 4, 2026 10:30am**

**Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir**

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in bold text.

Welcome

***Processional Hymn** As with Gladness Men of Old VU #81 (verses 1, 3 and 5)

*Call To Worship

The world belongs to God.

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful

to live together in harmony

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God.

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Introit** Lo, a Light Shines Down E. Daley

Lo, a light shines down to guide us

where thy saints and angels are!

Now we know thy love beside us,

for our eyes have seen the star.

(Trad. Welsh)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Anthem Morning Star Suzanne Lord
Senior Choir Men

Star of the East, drawing men from afar,

tell me why do you shine so bright?

No other time have you sparkled for them;

tell me why did you choose this night?

*Oh, Morning Star, Son of God, oh, Morning Star,
Lord of Lords, oh, keep my eyes ever fixed on you!*

Men from the East knew the star was from God
and rejoiced with exceeding joy.
Mystery hid in the prophets of old,
now revealed in a baby boy. *R*
(Suzanne Lord)

Sermon Rev. Dr. Ambury Stuart

Introduction of the Offering

Offertory Anthem Ding Dong! Merrily on High 16th c. French tune
harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Ding dong! merrily on high
in heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sungen. *R*

Pray you, dutifully prime
your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
your eve-time song, ye singers. *R*
(George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934)

***Presentation of the Offering**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

4.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Recessional Hymn** When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

VU #93

***Benediction**

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God.

***Blessing**

***Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**May God's love surround you, may God's wisdom guide you,
may God's light shine upon you, until we meet again.**

Postlude

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