

# ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 11:00 am

### Epiphany Sunday The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\* Please rise in body and/or spirit

#### Music as We Gather

#### Gathering

\* Clergy and Choir Enter

#### Welcome and Announcements

\* **Introit:** "God is Here" VU #389, v1

\* **Call to Worship:**

One: God's light is shining.

**All: It transcends every culture.**

One: God's light is shining.

**All: The glow of Christmas brings new hope in a New Year.**

One: God's light is shining.

**All: Let us worship and praise our God of love and guiding stars.**

\* **Hymn:** "As With Gladness" VU #81

**Prayer:**

**Radiant God, light for all people and all places, by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith, lead us to worship you in peace**

and love, and guide us in your way. We pray in the name of Christ, light of the World. Amen.

#### Listening

**Hymn:** "The First Nowell" VU #91

**Children's Focus**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Anthem**

**Sermon:** Melchior Reports

#### Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

\* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

\* **Prayer of Dedication: (All)**

**God of light, we bring these gifts, asking that you use them to be stars in your hand, to lead others to experience Christ, his understanding and compassion, especially for those who need that love and compassion now. In Christ's name. Amen.**

\* **Hymn:** "As We Gather at Your Table" VU #457

#### Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: ... and joining your unending hymn:

**Sanctus: (All)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Consecration**

**Invitation**

**Fraction and Distribution**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Prayers of the People**

**\* Hymn:** "Arise, Your Light Is Come" VU #79

**\* Commissioning:**

One: Go from this church as those who have seen the Bethlehem star.

**All: We will follow our most cherished dream and bring it to reality; we will give of our most precious gifts, to advance the Way of Jesus Christ; we will resist the Herods of our time who seek to delay and sabotage.**

One: Return joyfully to your own home and proclaim by word and deed that justice and compassion rule, and that death is eternally defeated.

**\* Choral Amen (All)**

**Music as We Depart**