

The First Noel

Music and words in print bulletin.

Old Orchard Church

January 8, 2012 — 10:15-11:50 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas

Your eyes will see the king

in his
beauty
and view a
land that
stretches
afar.



-Isaiah 33:17-

The Epiphany of God: Celebrating the Revealing of Divine Light to the World in Jesus

Blessed be Mary's Child,
This infant obscure,
For it is he who is drawing together
One New Humanity in the world,
The redeemed in every place
Who trust him and call on his name.

Blessed be God who reveals his Light
To the Gentile nations lost in their own confusions;
Blessed be God who defeats the powers of evil
Raised up to destroy this Child and his offspring.

Thanks be to God that in this Savior-baby,
The chaos and rebellion of Eden begins to be undone,
And peace and goodness become possible again.
Thanks be to God for his indescribable Gift.

Alleluia!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-7

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-23

Sermon

“A Single Person or an Older Person In the Hand of God”

Luke 2:21-40

Ron Lutjens, pastor, preaching

Epiphany Light

O dying souls,
Behold your living spring;
O dazzled eyes,
Behold your sun of grace;
Dull ears, attend what word
This Word doth bring;
Up, heavy hearts, with joy
Your joy embrace.

From death, from dark,
From deafness, from despairs
This life,
This light,
This Word,
This joy repairs.

—Robert Southwell (1561-1595)

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

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