The Anthem: “Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come”  
George Elvey

Arise, shine, for thy light is come,, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness, the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Arise, shine, for thy light is come.

Isaiah 60:1-3

The Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

We Celebrate God’s Covenant Faithfulness

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows of Parents and Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Maxima Bossenbroek, daughter of Steve & Allison Bossenbroek

Prayer Partner: Ann VanEerden

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 105

“We Celebrate God’s Covenant Faithfulness”

The Illumination of the Hour

The Introit: “O How Beautiful the Sky”  
Danish Folk Melody

O how beautiful the sky, with the sparkling stars on high, how they glitter, brightly gleaming, how they twinkle, gladsome beaming, as they draw our hearts to heaven.

In the midst of Christmas night, while the stars were shining bright, of a sudden, clear and radiant, one appeared and shone resplendent with the luster of the sun.

Long ago it was foretold by God’s chosen men of old, when at midnight such a wonder did appear in heaven up yonder, born should be a Savior King.

Wisemen by this star were led to the Christ-child’s lowly bed. Guiding star, O may we heed thee, may we know we ever need thee, lead us to our heavenly King.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 374

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)

*The Greeting


The Welcome

in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Men:

3. Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion, fragrance of Edom and offerings divine; gems of mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Choir:

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure; richer by far is the heart’s adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Organ Interlude

All:

5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

The Lighting Ceremony

As a symbol of our commitment to follow the Light of the world, we will light individual candles with the light spread from the Christ Candle. Please tip your candle toward the lighted candle that is offered to you. When all candles are lit, we will rise and sing the following verses of Beautiful Savior:

*Verse 1 all in harmony

*Verse 2 all a cappella in harmony

*Verse 4 all a cappella in harmony
*The Benediction


*The Choral Response

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”  Wayne Wold

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director
Adrian & Zachary Buter, Asher Konyndyk, Jacob Vogel – Acolyte Lighters

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given in loving memory of my beloved husband, Tom Hoogeboom, on his Epiphany birthday. Marge Hoogeboom

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