

# THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 10:00am

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WELCOME to this time of worship as we observe the beginning of a New Year. It begins with continuing anxieties and fears. But it also begins with a feeling of optimism and hope. In this time of hopeful uncertainty, let us turn our hearts toward God who calms our fears, shines light into our dark places, restores our hope and brings us peace.

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME

### WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

**Ephesians 1:7**

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

*Merciful Savior, we know that whatever we do to the least of these, we also do unto you. May we always embody the change you make in our lives by caring for those who cannot care for themselves. In remembrance of you. Amen.*

## PRELUDE

HYMN: “Bright & Glorious Is the Sky”

**MBW # 319**

**Tune: MBW #662**

**Bright and glorious is the sky,  
Radiant are the heavens high  
Where the golden star is shining  
All its rays to earth inclining,  
Leading to the new-born King,  
Leading to the new-born King.**

**Sages from the East afar,  
When they saw this wondrous star,  
Went to the find the King of nations,  
And to offer their oblations  
Unto Him as Lord and King,  
Unto Him as Lord and King.**

**Guided by the star they found  
Him Whose praise the ages sound,  
We too have a star to guide us  
Which forever will provide us  
With the light to find our Lord,  
With the light to find our Lord.**

\*A LITANY – for Epiphany

A star shining in the East:

**discovered by those who have eyes for the unusual  
and the challenging.**

A journey into the unknown:

**taken by those who have courage and curiosity.**

The Holy One recognized, in spite of humble origin:

**the glory and the gifts given to God's Chosen Child.**

O that we had the faithfulness of the Magi!

**Then nothing would stand in the way of our search for God.**

O that we had the gifts of the Magi!

**Then we could present what is appropriate to Jesus,  
the Anointed One.**

O that we had the wisdom of the Magi!

**Then we could see the hidden threats of the evil ones,  
and quietly avoid them.**

O that we had the joy of the Magi!

**As we worship today, may our encounter with the Christ  
Child leave us exhilarated, thankful and ready for  
committed discipleship.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of Glory, In Jesus, You came among us as the  
Light of the World, to reveal Your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of  
Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore the  
cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Open our  
eyes and fill our hearts with Your light.**

## **SONG: I Saw the Light**

- 1. I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**[Chorus]**

**I saw the light I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

- 2. Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**[Chorus]**

- 3. I was a fool to wander and a-stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**[Chorus]**

### **SCRIPTURE**

The Old Testament	Genesis 1:1-15
The New Testament:	Acts 19:1-7
The Gospel:	Mark 1:4-11

### **THE LITANY, continued**

As in the days of old, a voice again cries in the wilderness. It calls us to come from the demands of everyday life.

**We come to find some rest and some peace.**

We come from uncertainties of everyday life.

**We come to find meaning and direction.**

In the wilderness, we experience the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

**Like the crowds on Jordan's bank, we have much to confess.**

Like the crowds, we too, hear the prophetic Word.

**The Word calls us to listen carefully, to plan enthusiastically,  
and to respond practically.**

We gather to make the new start that baptism symbolizes.

**We gather to affirm our desire to know our Savior, to grow in  
our faith, and to follow our Savior's footsteps.**

We gather to witness the awesome power of the Holy Spirit.

**May we be inspired to fully put our trust in you, O God, In Your  
mercy, cleanse us from our sin, and baptize us once again in  
Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth  
Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON                      “New Lamps For Old”

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response:      Hear Our Prayer, O Lord              MBW #825

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

SONG: “Shine Jesus Shine”

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

**Chorus:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light.**

**2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood i may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, Consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Chorus**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

