

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude

Welcome & call to worship

***Opening songs**

(Ushers available for seating)

“Here I Am to Worship”

“Prince of Peace”

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

***Litany**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Leader: See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples,

People: But the Lord rises upon you, and his glory appears over you.

Leader: Nations will come to your light,

People: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you,

People: For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Leader: Let us celebrate the Light of the world,

People: For upon us has the light shined.

(Isaiah 60:1-3,19)

***Song “Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come”**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Scripture Readings: Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11a

Isaiah 9:2

John 1:5,9,12

Prayer of adoration:

Almighty God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world: We praise and magnify your holy name that in Him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing him as King of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song “Beautiful Savior

Morning prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Luke 2:25-35 (page 936)

Message: Simeon's Prayer of the Spirit

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Our gifts to the Lord: Ministries of Brookside and Christian Education

Offertory

***God's blessing**

***Closing song “Now Unto Him”**

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Paul DeVries

Pianist: Sue Schepel

Praise Team: Jack Bolt, Tom Bouwman,

Elizabeth Hager, Mary Wassenaar

Bass guitar: Ben Moes

Guitar: Jordan Karsten

Drums: Chris Wieringa

Violin: Marie TenElshof