

Forest Hill United Church
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



2nd Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022 10 a.m.



WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: See Amid the Winter's Snow VU 76

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Centering Prayer

Introit: VU 96

**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship:

It is a new day, it is a new year;
A new year to start afresh.
So we gather, to listen and learn;
A new year to start afresh.
We come to praise, pray and sing our faith;
A new year to start afresh.
We come together now to worship.

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We gather on this new day, in this new year, knowing that
when we meet together you are here in our midst.
Teach us, son Jesus; move us, Holy Spirit; and shine your
light on us, God, as we gather here in this sharing
community. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky MV 135

Intergenerational Time:

Prayer that Jesus Taught: see insert

Hymn of Praise: Dance with the Spirit MV 156

Prayer of Confession:

**We come here, so early in the new year,
Fresh with our resolutions.
We have such good intentions to lead a better life,
to be more caring of those we meet,
and of the earth on which we live.
Being human, we wonder how long we can keep these
resolutions before we slip up.
We will try though, this we promise.**

Promise of Assurance:

God's son was sent to be our help. God understands our humanness and we are assured that it is the journey of trying that pleases, and we are assured of God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God.

Exploring

Words from Our Bible:

Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm 147: 12-20 VU 868 Part 2 with refrain
Ephesians 1:3-14

One: In this is the word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: Making Full the Circle of God

Special Music: We Three Kings

