## Prayer Service

Leader: Let us greet each other with the sign of peace. Today we

hear the story of the Wise Men, who came to worship the infant Jesus, knowing him to be the new king of the Jews.

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

[Matthew 2:1–11]

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Trusting in God's Word, we offer our prayers of petition.

That we may see clearly our path to salvation and follow it,

we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That we might spend the weeks of the Christmas season

giving thanks for the wonderful things that have happened because of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That others may see Jesus in our lives and better follow

their paths of faith, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, you know what we need even before

we ask. Help us know, as the Wise Men did, that the star lights our path to salvation. We pray through Jesus your

Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.