

JANUARY 3, 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS — EPIPHANY
11:00AM SUNDAY WORSHIP, LIVE STREAM

GATHERING

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Christ Is the World's Light

setting by Paul Manz
setting by Robert A. Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

What are you looking for?

A better job, a bigger house, a smaller car, my cell phone.

What are you looking for?

A vacation spot, a quiet moment, my coffee mug.

What are you looking for?

Peace, wholeness, love, acceptance...

What are you looking for?

You, Jesus, we are looking for you, but we are too preoccupied to realize it.

Let us worship the One in whom all things are possible.

HYMN NO. 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed.
Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness:
the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily;
the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom;
the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it;
the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters.

Let us make our confession together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other,
that we are creatures who either through foolishness or willfulness
often choose darkness instead of light.**

**Here and now, we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions,
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom,
our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.**

**Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others,
and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within us.
Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us."
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My friends, Epiphany is good news!
The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.
Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners.
In his name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!
Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving and live without shame or anxiety.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 137 He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

**He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope: Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace: Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy: Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love: Hallelujah forevermore.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A New Beginning"

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is the eternal light.

From year's beginning to its end
 God is faithful.
 In each day God is present.
 In each action God comes close.
 Through all eternity
 God is trustworthy.
 Yesterday, today and forever;
 Sustaining, enlivening, and making all things new;
 God is the eternal light. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 145 What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

SOLO Ave Maria

Johann Sebastian Bach/Charles Gounod

Jen Poiry, Soprano

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary!

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Hail Mary! Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN NO. 147 The First Nowell (Stanzas 3, 4 and 5)

THE FIRST NOWELL

**And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

chorale prelude by John Dunstable

Music Notes:

Hymn 151: We Three Kings of Orient Are — John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857, alt. Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as “kings,” perhaps because of the passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

Hymn 145: What Child Is This — English ballad, 16th century; arr., *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871. This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a start forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this “babe, the son of Mary!” The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

Hymn 147: The First Nowell — English carol; Sandys’ Christmas Carols, 1833. “Nowell” is the English form of the French “noel,” a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer’s “Franklin’s Tale”), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to “born” (*natus / né*) as well to “news” (*nova / nouvelle*).

Assisting with Worship:

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff

Carrie Winebrenner, Resident Pastor
Kathryn Miller, Assistant Organist
Jen Poiry, Soprano

Thank you for joining us today.

*We welcome you to join us for worship next Sunday, January 10, 2021 for
♦ 11:00am English-speaking service for Live Stream via Facebook, website or YouTube
11:00am Korean-speaking via YouTube video or YouTube live*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Fellowship and Church Tour — January 17, 2021 @ 12:30pm

Join us after worship on January 17 at 12:30pm for a church tour and virtual fellowship. Bill Patterson, member and Property Manager, will be our behind-the-scenes guide on this tour of First Pres and Pastor Annie will join him as his sidekick. Are there parts of the building you're missing? Ever had a burning question about why a President is in the stained glass window of the Chapel? And why do we have doors on our pews? Now is your chance to get your questions answered! Zoom link forthcoming.

Coffee With The Pastors — January 24, 2021 @ 9:30am

Have you been visiting at First? Join us for our virtual "Coffee with the Pastor" on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 9:30 am. We'll meet on Zoom with virtual treats and real answers about who we are as a church and Presbyterians in a friendly and fun environment, while also meeting some other great people! Email cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org with questions or to let us know you'll be there!

Music Series Concert — Sunday, January 24, 2021 @ 4:00pm

This event will be live-streamed and will include Johanna Bourkova-Morunov on the violin and Brent Neuenschwander, FP's Director of Music Ministries and Organist, on the organ.

ZOOM EVENTS

Wired Word: Sundays at 9:30am via Zoom

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/841496772. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 841 496 772, Passcode: 2604267421.

Table Talk 1: Wednesdays at 10am via Zoom

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/241730827. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 241 730 827, Passcode: 2604267421.

Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00am via Zoom, all men invited!

What: Gospel John and Metzger's book. **How:** Please read Gospel John chapter 1 and 2, and page 21-35 of the Metzger's book. Also, we will talk about the uniqueness of Gospel John compared to other gospels. Contact: Rev An, ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 1:00pm via Zoom

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/904041033. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 904 041 033, Passcode: 2604267421.

Pledges and Offerings

We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 10390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852, or go online and give at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, where can also find updated information on our events. Thank you for your gifts!

Contact Information Changes

Please contact Jiin Jung at 426-7421 x126 or by email at jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org, with changes to address, phone, email, etc. We want to make sure we are connecting with you.

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