

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship January 7, 2024, 10am
Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord
**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "What Star is This?" arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures
of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

God of endless light, you sent a star-- rising from
darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us
with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us
and in the all the world until the whole creation shines
with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 22** "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus 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 justice; we do not strive for peace. (cont.)**

Unison Prayer of Confession (cont.)

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." (cont.)

Scripture Readings (cont.)

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon

"Making Room for Mystery"

*Hymn of Response *GTG No. 314*

"Christ Be Our Light"

Offering

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *No. 66*

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Benediction

Postlude

"I Saw Three Ships" arr. by Anna Laura Page

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