

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 2, 2022

Epiphany

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* J. Hopkins, Jr./D. Coates

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

***INTROIT**

***CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)**

Leader: The day of Epiphany has come!

People: We celebrate the coming of God's Light.

Leader: The Light of Life illuminates for us a new way to live.

People: We bask in the Light, who gives us life.

Leader: Contact with the Light will change you forever.

People: We welcome the change and we offer our lives.

***HYMN #150** *As with Gladness Men of Old (vs. 1 & 4)* Dix

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Come to the light and come into the light of forgiveness. Join me in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, You have revealed Your love by the light of Your Christ and taught Your faithful people by the light of Your Spirit. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may give up our attachment to the darkness of sin and evil. Outside these walls, we are constantly tempted to choose darkness rather than light: to use people, to love things, to do whatever it takes to get whatever we want. We confess we have not put up much of a fight against temptation, nor sought Your ever-present support to defeat those particular demons which appeal to us. Hear our silent prayer.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: Like a fungus that cannot survive rays of sunlight, so our sin cannot withstand the beams of Your love.

Person: Shine in the dark caverns of our hearts, where we hide our secret thoughts and desires.

Leader: Make us radiant with Your love, that others may glorify You, who reigns, now and forever.

Person: We see Your light of forgiveness!

ALL: Hallelujah! We are forgiven!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

ANTHEM *The Jesus Gift* Gilbert Martin

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON Dawning Light

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** [from *The Confession of 1967*]

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in human life. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all people when the Gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life does not release from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Lyric Interlude* Dennis Eliot

***Doxology (Unison)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements "Adoration" by Mark Hayes

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #151** *We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1 & 5)* Kings of Orient

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless & Keep You

Peter Lutkin

***POSTLUDE**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Mark Hayes

USHERS: Drew Hanna & Bob Callecod

IN OUR PRAYERS: Michelle McDonald & family, Daisy Boyer & family, Lee Liebetreu's family, Ann Titus, Stewart & Pam Orr, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Haiti, Ethiopia, Russia & Ukraine, and Mayfield, KY and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

. There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!

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Sunday Conversations

What makes us Presbyterian? Where did we come from?

Led by Rev. David M. Montgomery

Sundays, January 9-30, 2020

11:30 am -12:15 pm

Green Lounge

Have you ever wondered, “*What makes us Presbyterians unique?*” or “*What things do we have in common with other religions, or denominations?*”

This is for New Members, Visitors, Officers, and All Interested Persons.

We’ve planned a **four-week series** to examine these questions plus more. Meetings are for **45 minutes** in the **Green Lounge at 11:30 am** (right after worship).

⇒ **Jan 9** - What is the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, Islam? How do we differ from the other world religions? We’ll take a look at our Ancestral Tree.

⇒ **Jan 16** -1517 Reformation: Martin Luther and the Cries of the Reformation and John Calvin’s Geneva with the Essential tenants of the reformed faith (election of the people of God for service; covenant life with concern for order; faithful stewardship; recognition of our tendency to idolatry and tyranny which calls us to work for the transformation of society)

Officer Training and Retreat - God has called, and our officers have responded by saying "Yes". Please pray for the Elders, Deacons and Trustees as the new officers are installed in worship January 23. **In preparation for their installation there will be training for the newly installed on Saturday, January 8 then all the officers will retreat on Saturday, January 22.**

Officers for 2022 thru 2024

Moderator, David Montgomery

Session

Class 2022 Christina Guenther, Lisa Lawson, Donna Nelson-Been, Terri McNamara

Class 2023 Dar Bevelhymmer, Lee Liebetreu**, Bob Vincent

Class 2024 Joan Callecod, Carolyn Layne**, Gale Swanka**

Deacons

Class 2022 Sandi Carsey, Dave Horger**, Jan McLaughlin** , Cathy Horger**

Class 2023 Beatrice Guenther**, Nancy Hess, Adriane Weisert,

Class 2024 Scotty Huntington, Doretta Schmidt

Trustees

Class 2022 Drew Hanna, Terri McNamara

Class 2023 Bob Callecod, Linda Smith

Class 2024 Sue Clark, Mike Evans** **Denotes 2nd term and cannot be reelected

Week of January 2 thru January 9

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – w/Communion
	11:00 a.m.	In Home Communion following worship service
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons’ Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons’ Shop is open to the public (masks required)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (must be vaccinated)
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Training for new officers
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday Conversations in the Green Lounge

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.

As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. **Refrain.**

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King of God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. **Refrain.**