



Community Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday
9 January 2022

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory—His glory as the only Son of the Father.

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7

(One) Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

(All) May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

(One) May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

(All) In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Passing of the Peace

*Hymn (233)

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:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

(2) Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

(3) Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high. [Refrain]

(4) Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom:
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb. [Refrain]

(5) Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

As we remember those the magi who brought you gifts, we are reminded of your Kingship, Christ Jesus. You are the Savior of the world who embraced human frailty that we might receive salvation. We ask your forgiveness for when we fail to recognize your power, glory, and might. We don't offer you our best, and live as if you aren't the Lord of all creation. Fill us anew with the joy of our salvation that we might daily acknowledge your rule in our lives.

Assurance of Pardon Response

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
Gospel Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 1:3-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

***Hymn (184)**

What Child is This

(1) What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

(2) Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

(3) So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the Virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

EUCCHARIST

Welcome to the Table

Prayer of Taizé

Let All Who are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thirsty come,
Let all who wish receive the water of life, freely,
Amen, Come Lord Jesus.
Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespas)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Games Up Here

Monday night games are back! Join us tomorrow night, January 10th at the Annex at 7:00pm for tabletop games. If you'd like to join us via Zoom, text or email Jason.

January Session

This **Wednesday, January 12th**, the new slate of CPC elders will meet for the first time this year. We'll meet at 10:00am in Darley Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us on Zoom this **Wednesday, January 12th from 5:00-6:30pm** as we explore the books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. The Zoom link can be found on our website and in my weekly email.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week. Join the men of Lake City this **Thursday, January 13th at 7:00am** for good food, prayer and Bible study.

12 days of Christmas Tea Drive

That's right, the 12 days of Christmas are over, but it's not too late to send off some boxes of tea. We're still trying to build up a goodly supply of tea for the coming year for our hiker ministry. The church address is below.

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