

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

January 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

P. Manz
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Rev. Phil Butin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Evan Blanz
Harley Frazier

INTROIT

Gospel Processional

J. Ferguson
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blake Grammer

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!

*HYMN 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

Glory to God

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(Isaiah 60:1-3 and John 1: 9,12)*

Itrel Monroe

The Lord will be our light **and our God will be our glory.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come! **The glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people,

but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, **and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

The Lord will be our light, **and our God will be our glory.**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

*RESPONSE 314

Christ, Be Our Light (refrain)

Glory to God

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your Church, gathered today.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of Advent, of waiting and hoping,
keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us.

God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing,
make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us.

God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known,
fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

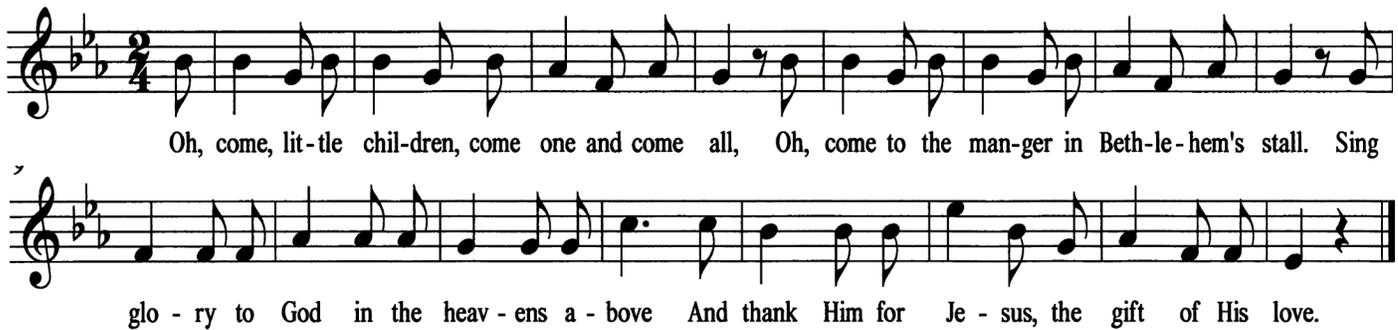
*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Justin Schierschmidt

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG

Oh Come, Little Children



Oh, come, lit-tle chil-dren, come one and come all, Oh, come to the man-ger in Beth-le-hem's stall. Sing
glo - ry to God in the heav - ens a - bove And thank Him for Je - sus, the gift of His love.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kristi Button

SOLO

In The Bleak Mid-Winter

H. Darke

Emily Jackson, soprano

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow; in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there; cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring him a lamb; if I were a wise man,
I would do my part; yet what I can give him; give my heart.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ '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.'"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

Through the Eyes of the Wise Men

Rev. Jan Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Minister: Do you place your faith in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: Do you place your faith in Jesus Christ, God the Son?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Minister: Do you place your faith in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Elder: We welcome these friends as they join with us in the work and mission of the church.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this congregation. We are united with you in Christ. we promise to pray for you, to love, encourage, and support you, and to share the good news of the gospel with you, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER OF WELCOME

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 749** *Come! Live in the Light! (verse 1)*

Glory to God

Come! Live in the Light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

arr. G. Miles

*RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom bless - ings flow. Praise God all things here be - low.
Praise God all ye heav'n - ly host. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... You hear our prayers.

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.

SENDING

*HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Glory to God

(Gifts brought at this time are given to Cooperative Emergency Outreach, meeting the emergency needs of individuals in our community.)

*BENEDICTION

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

*RESPONSE 155

Raise A Song of Gladness

Glory to God

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.

POSTLUDE

Three Kings of Orient

Carlos Staszaski

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