



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE 3 Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je Maman" KV265 Mozart
Linda Dover, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: We are searching for a light to guide us.
All: Arise, shine for our light has come!
One: We are longing for inspiration to motivate us.
All: The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.
One: We are wishing for the world to change.
All: Look around: people are looking for God's light in us.
One: We are ready to see what God can do!
**All: Our hearts rejoice in God's glory!
We join together to shine!**

*HYMN 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" KINGS OF ORIENT
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD Nancy Kalesz
(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when worship is over.)

Sing 145, v. 3 "What Child Is This?"
*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come one and all, 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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)
Beloved God, may we have the faith and insight of the Wise Men, who, when faced with an ancient hope of a foreign people and the appearance of a remarkable star, grasped the connection, and went and followed that star. We stand now at the border of a new year, which is to us like an unknown country. We don't know what we will experience as we pass through it; we don't know what obstacles will lie across our paths. Lead us, like the Wise Men, on a quest of faithfulness and worship, of hopefulness and giving, and always to your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN ROS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 Kevin Johnson
(New Testament, Page 2)

EPISTLE (LETTER) LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12
(New Testament, Page 193)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "I Get It!" Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, organ

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.

The Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
*When passing the bread say: "The bread of life given for you."
When passing the wine/juice say: "The cup of hope poured out for you."
Responses may be: "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or "Alleluia." (Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)*
Communion of the People
Communion Music Cal Sweeter, dulcimer
Prayer After Communion

*HYMN 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter Lutkin
Chancel Choir
*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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