



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship

Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

8:50am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

*SINGING

Prepare the Way

Darrell Patton Evans
and Eric Nuzum

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

*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!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.

And also with you and all others!

(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*SINGING

Take My Life

Scott Underwood

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

Harold Frye

(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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

*SINGING

Awesome in This Place

Dave Billington

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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