



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

11:05am

*Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community*

PRELUDE "Praeludium in F" J. S. Bach  
*Today's organ music (and much of our organ music in January) is being performed on the Arp Schnitger setting. Arp Schnitger was a highly influential Northern German organ builder who lived from 1648-1719.*

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

THE LIGHT ENTERS Olivia Lee

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Sing to the Lord a new song.  
**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
One: The heavens opened up, the Spirit descended,  
**All: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son. Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" ABERYSTWYTH

COME AS A CHILD Nancy Kalesz  
*(Children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

Sing (157, v. 1) "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE  
*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You have searched for us, and yet we hide from you. You have lavished us with blessing, and yet we treasure earthly things. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the mystery of your saving love be revealed, even in our lives, according to your eternal purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" (Hymnal, p. 17)

\*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 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

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

SUNG PRAYER "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" by Johann Kuhnau  
Chancel Choir ed. & arr. John Leavitt  
Donna Heer & Chris Lindsay, violins  
*How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy  
beaming from afar; The host of heav'n rejoices;  
O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod. You Son of Man and Son of God.  
We, too, will lift our voices; Jesus, holy, yet most lowly,  
draw Thou near us; Great Emmanuel, come and hear us.  
Rejoice, you heav'ns; and earth, reply; with praise,  
all people, fill the sky, for this His Incarnation.  
Incarnate God, put forth Your pow'r, Ride on, great Conqueror,  
Till all know Your salvation. Amen. Alleluia!  
Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 Anne Stroud  
*(Old Testament, Page 690)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:1-12  
*(New Testament, Page 2)*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "What's in a Dream?" Fred Holbrook

*Sending People to Serve in the World*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Music by Samuel Liddle  
"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" Based on Psalm 54  
Tatum Specht, soprano

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 Music J.S. Bach  
"O Hail this Brightest Day of Days"  
(*"Der Tag, Der Ist So Freundreich"*)

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN 145 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Olivia Lee

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fuga in F" J.S. Bach  
Linda Dover, organ

**\*If convenient/able, please stand.**

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