



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023

The Feast of Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

*Childcare is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing.
We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.*

*The chancel flowers are given by Bobbie Kitzmiller in loving memory of
her husband, Clarence; her son, Randy; and her sister, Billie.*

*Worship begins with the first note of the prelude — may we silence our voices and open our
hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.*

Prelude

Poem Mystique

Richard Purvis

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P: **The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**

L: The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory — glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: **The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.**

L: Let us worship our Lord and Savior who is the Light of the World.

*Carol 143

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another, first in silence, then with one voice using our common prayer of confession. Let us pray.

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p. 690)

Isaiah 60:1-6

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter
The Chancel Choir

Gustav Holst

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 2)

Matthew 2:1-12

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

*Carol 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Voluntary on "This Endris Nyght"

Healey Willan

*Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

*O God, may we who bear your name, by gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare, and your anointing Spirit share.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, hear our prayer. We are not always ready for the ways you move in our lives. Sometimes we turn aside, stumble over, or even reject experiences or encounters that we later understand to be your way of meeting and caring for us. Help us to be open to the movement of your Spirit through the Epiphany star. We acknowledge that we do not fully understand it, but we receive it from you with thanks, and pray that your Spirit will enable us to understand your presence in our lives a little better because of it. Open our hearts to receive your best gifts, that we might use them to bring your Light into our lives and the life of our world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

L: We have come asking for the child —

P: **Wondering where that love might be born, seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst, wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.**

L: We have come to this place,

P: **Where wise people and shepherds and young women meet.**

L: We have come to this place called Bethlehem.

P: **To this place where our hearts rise like yeast. To this place where we meet our newborn hope. To this place where we taste our deepest joy.**

L: In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst, imagining that no good can come, we somehow missed its name. Bethlehem, which means “house of bread.”

P: **There is something here that will satisfy our hunger. No matter how long we have wandered, here our hearts arise. Our light has come.**

L: In this bread and in this cup, we celebrate something we can't quite understand. Because God has made a house at this table.

P: **Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places. Because God comes to be with us. Now and always.**

L: It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.

Prayer of Consecration/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(The congregation is invited to approach the Lord's table using the center aisle, receive the bread and cup, and then return to your seat using the side aisles.)

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*Hymn 192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Benediction

Postlude

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich

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