



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Preludes Op 16, No 3. Andante cantabile

Alexander Scriabin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Christopher Dennis, Liturgist

"Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations."

*HYMN #146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him; heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him. Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing; all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing,

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.

Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah proclaimed: Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Let us acknowledge the darkness in our lives, repent of our sin, and receive the light of God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus the Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray, and we lift up our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confessions)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Joy to the World

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 1- 18

SERMON

"And the Word became flesh "

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wexford Carol
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Traditional English

OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

Romance
Andre Richter, French horn

Alexander Scriabin

*Hymn of Dedication #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

HYMN #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed
Christmas morn.

We Go Forth As God's People

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Preludes Op 35, No 3. Scherzoso

Alexander Scriabin

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christopher Dennis, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Andre Richter, French horn
Ushers: Lucy Freeman, Dan Smith Communion Team: Margaret Cox, Lucy Freeman, Lisa Jones, Dan Smith
Ron Skinner, audio and video Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

WORSHIP NOTES Based on CDC data and the COVID 19 infection rate in our county and state,
we are **requiring** that all people wear masks during worship. Masks are available at the welcome table.