



# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 1, 2023  
11:00am  
Epiphany Sunday

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## PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### 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**

Joanne Lang, 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 #147

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#### 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 Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

**Psalm 8**

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**SERMON**

**"Christ has died!, Christ is Risen!, Christ will come again!"**

Reverend Sam Loy

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Wexford Carol  
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

English Traditional

**\*CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**By Rev. Milton Lightbourne**

**We believe that God has come to us a Little Child, making our weakness His strength, securing our salvation, by becoming one of us, blessing us with His Son, our Savior, the Word that became flesh, and filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.**

**We believe that God through the Holy Spirit, has brought righteousness and justice into our world, giving us a law that is written upon our hearts, declaring good news to all, offering a reign of peace, and defeating the power of pain and suffering.**

**We believe that God, through this Season of Advent, calls us to share His love in a world broken by strife and sends us to announce the message of the Angel to the Shepherds, “Unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” This we believe! This we proclaim! This we seek to embody in word and deed.**

**Amen!**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Music**

Children's Corner 5. The Little Shepherd

Claude Debussy

**\*Hymn of Dedication # 150**

As With Gladness Men of Old

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**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## 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.

\*Hymn #151

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### 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

Fiddlin' Joe

Douglas Moore

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\*You are invited to stand.

Rev. Sam Loy is a retired United Methodist Pastor of 40 years. A graduate of Elon University and Duke School of Divinity. His first appointment out of seminary was to serve as the associate pastor at St. James UMC in Greenville. During this time Rev. Loy was instrumental in the creation of the Greenville Community Shelter and enjoyed the collegiality of Rev. Bill Goodnight, the founding pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church. In the ensuing years Rev. Loy has served a number of churches in eastern North Carolina. He and his wife Wanda retired in 2016 and currently live in Greene County near Maury.

<b>Worship Leadership</b>	Reverend Sam Loy	<b>Liturgist:</b>	Joanne Lang
<b>Music Director</b>	Peggy Vaughan	<b>Piano:</b>	John Holter
<b>Audio/video:</b>	Ron Skinner		Steve Bridgeman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kelly McLean		Lucy Freeman
<b>Worship Ministry Co-Chairs:</b>	Christina Brizendine		Joanne Lang
<b>Next Sunday, January 8 Ushers:</b>	Jan Skinner		Dan Smith
			<b>Liturgist:</b> Lucy Freeman

### THE SESSION

#### Elders- Class of 2022

George Bosch, Buildings &  
Grounds/Social & Fellowship  
Ruth Hines, Christian Education  
Lisa Jones, Treasurer &Personnel  
Joanne Lang, Worship

#### Elders-Class of 2023

Pam Gares, Mission  
Janet Johnson,  
Outreach/Hospitality  
Carol Poston, Mission  
Jesse Riggs, Clerk of Session

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Mackenzie Smith, Christian  
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John Daugherty, Finance