



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Remote
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

Sonata in G for recorder, Op 2, No 4. 2. Allegro
Chris Mann, recorder

Giuseppe Sammartini

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Bryant, 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

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain**

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. Amen. (Silent Confession)

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 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

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SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 2: 1-12**

SERMON **"The Star of Bethlehem"** Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC Sonata in F for Recorder Op 1/11. 3. Siciliana G. Fr. Händel
Chris Mann, recorder

We Respond to God's Grace

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The 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

Communion Music Sonata in F for Recorder Op 1/11. 1. Larghetto
Chris Mann, recorder

G. Fr. Händel

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

**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**

We Are Sent in God's Name

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

Rondeau in D minor (from Abdelazer)
Chris Mann, recorder

Henry Purcell

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Jim Bryant, Liturgist John Holter, piano
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist Chris Mann, recorder Ron Skinner, Audio & Video
Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair