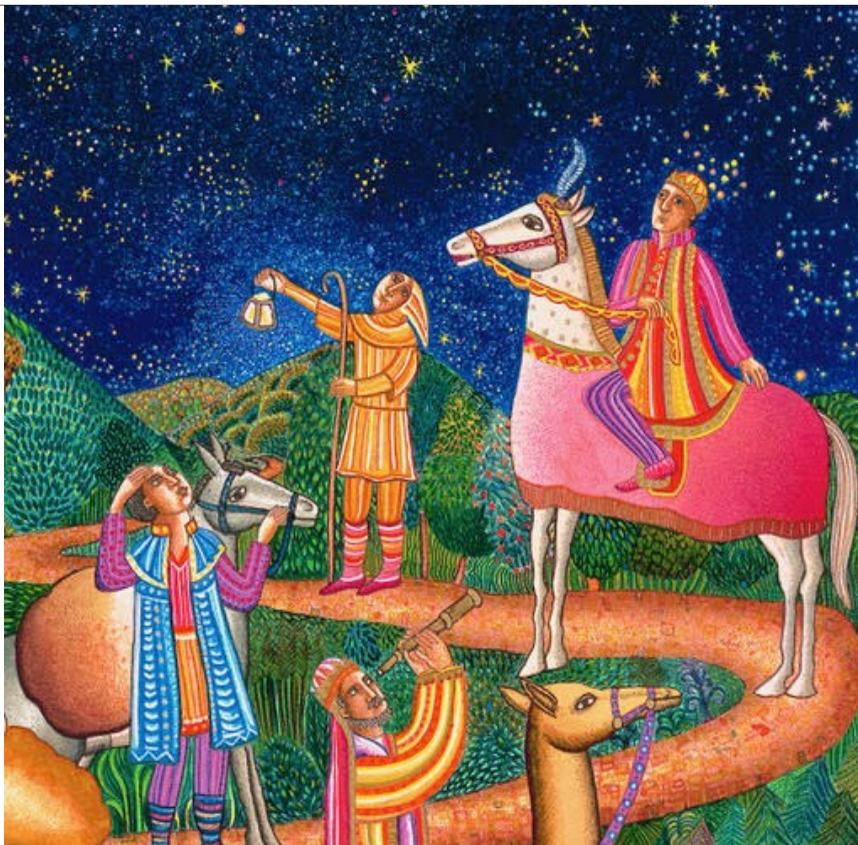


CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established
October 4, 1851
Madison, Wisconsin



January 3, 2021 Epiphany Sunday
10:00am Online Worship
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*We are ... A Community centered in Christ:
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.*

[Welcome to Worship at Christ Presbyterian Church!](#)

Physical distancing and public health measures were followed during worship recording.

[We Gather in the Love of Christ](#)

The Organ Prelude *Prelude from Prelude and Fugue in G Major (BWV 550) Johann Sebastian Bach*

Welcome and Call to Worship

O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded His coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come to the stable, seeking the Infant King.

Come, Arise, Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of Love is shining upon us! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise *The First Nowell, Stanzas 1, 2 5 and 6*

Glory to God, No. 147

The Prayer of Confession and Our Silent Confession

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask this as we humbly pray:

Lord, we admit that we have in times past blurred the lines between the secular and the spiritual aspects of the Christmas season. Yet, this year, as we have experienced the familiar words of the Christmas Story, the sounds and sights, the foods and the lights, of a holiday time, we have also come to realize the value and the need for us to connect, to acknowledge the worth of all of your Children on this Earth.

As we move forward, travelling along with the Wise Ones who sought out Jesus, help us to keep our spiritual eyes opened to the needs, the hopes, and the humanity of all we encounter. Bring us to a practice of discipleship that finds each person to be a precious gift, from you to us. For we seek the Light of the World, so that we can help bring light to the world. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

As surely as the Light follows the Darkness, the light of God's love, given to the world so long ago, is given for us all, for healing and hope.

We are beloved of God. In God's name, we receive the Light and embrace the call to share in compassion and in fellowship with all.

Friends, hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are drawn to the Light, filled with the Joy of God's Birth into our world, and know that we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.



Epiphany

is the Christian Feast Day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

In Western Christianity, it commemorates the visit of the Magi (or Wise Men) to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

Since the calendar date of Epiphany is January 6—twelve days after Christmas, Epiphany Eve is celebrated as “Twelfth Night.”

Most worship traditions celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday before or after January 6.

The Response of Praise *God With Us*

Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Doxology (based on Hymn No. 606)

David Crowder

We Grow by Grace in the Spirit of God

News of the Church

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12

Communion Meditation

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Affirmation of Faith

from the PC-USA Confession of 1967

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve God in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose of Israel and for humanity would be realized.

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

The Invitation to the Table and The Great Prayer

The Words of Institution and The Distribution of the Elements

Music During Communion *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

An Anglo-Irish Carol set to an Italian folk-tune

The Prayer of Thanks

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.

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We Go Forth to Serve

The Sending Song God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/We Three Kings

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in G Major J.S. Bach

Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson
Assisting with Communion: Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner
Liturgists: Natalie Handley, Rev. Sharol Hayner, Kathy Otterson
Scripture Reader: JohnMark Lau
Organist: John A. Rafoth
Pianist: Natalie Handley
Vocalists/Instrumentalists:
Laura Andrews, John Bohman, Bill Cheadle, Bob Clark, Amalia Goldberg,
Derek Handley, John Itson, Trinity Kulp Kirstin Roble,
Brad Sheffer, Sarah Statz, Mary Strait
Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

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Happy New Year, One and All!