



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Established 1851

Madison, Wisconsin

**Welcome! Thank you for joining us today.
10:30am Classical Worship, January 9, 2022**

*We invite you to personally prepare for
worship during the Organ Pre-lude, and
respect the quiet, listening
atmosphere of the Sanctuary
during this time.*

The Prelude

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| I. Chorale Prelude on <i>Nun Danket alle Gott</i> | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| II. The Little <i>Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578)</i> | Johann Sebastian Bach |
| III. Chorale Prelude on <i>Hail this Day So Rich In Cheer</i> | Dietrich Buxtehude |

WE GATHER IN LOVE

The Introit *Behold*

Eric Thiman

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

***The Hymn of Praise** *What Star is This, With Beams so Bright*, St. 1, 2, and 4

Tune: Puer nobis nascitur

Our Silent Confession

The Prayer of Confession

God, there are times in our lives when we lose our way and our sense of direction and purpose. Circumstances change and the path is indiscernible. Even when the way seems clear, we sometimes feel alone. We wonder where you are. Help us to trust that even when we seem to have lost our way, you are still there to guide us. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know,
by paths they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

And do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways, acknowledge the Lord and he will direct your paths.

Friends, believe this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The Response of Praise *Gloria Patri*

John Rafoth

Translated "Glory be to the Father," the Gloria Patri was sung by early Christians as an acclamation of the three Persons of the Trinity. "As it was in the beginning" was added in the 4th century to counter the heresy that the Son, Jesus Christ, was created by God instead of being one with God from the beginning.

This beautiful setting was written by our organist, John Rafoth.

**We are glad YOU
are here!**

*** please stand as you
are able**

**Gentle reminders for
Pandemic Times:**

*Please, wear your
mask and color-coded
nametag at all times in
the building.*

*Respect others' comfort
levels with interaction,
as indicated by their
nametag.*

*Observe social distancing
in seating in the
Sanctuary.*

*Instead of passing the
Friendship Pads—use the
card in the Pew rack to
record your attendance,
if you wish.*

*A Hearing Loop
is installed and available.
Switch your hearing aid
to "T-Cell".*

*Please ask an Usher if you
need assistance.*

*Before worship, please
silence cell phones and
other electronic devices.*



Epiphany

is the Christian Feast Day celebrating the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, it commemorates the visit of the Magi (Kings, 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.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please observe your neighbor's colored nametag :

Yellow - Elbow bump only please; Red - Greet from six feet, please

***The Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Glory to God, No. 606

WE GROW BY GRACE

A Moment for Children

The Invitation for Giving

Response to the Invitation *(spoken together)*

Lord, bless the gifts our hands have brought;

and bless the work our hearts have planned.

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;

The rest, O Lord, is in your hands.

A Reading from the New Testament Matthew 2:1-15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *New Year, New Eyes: Dreams and Epiphanies*

An Anthem *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Glory to God, No. 150

What better hymn to sing on this day of Epiphany than this—a “mini-opera” for soloists and chorus, describing the arrival of the Kings with their gifts? The composer of the hymn specified that solo voices sing the middle three verses with the congregation joining on the Refrain. Instead of singing, please raise the star that you received with your bulletin and hum the well-known Refrain.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***The Sending Hymn** *As With Gladness, Men of Old*, St. 1,2 and 3 Tune: Dix

The Benediction

The Choral Blessing *Amen* Janet Larrabee Jones

The Organ Postlude *Tidings of Joy*, from The Christmas Cantata J.S. Bach

Leading in Worship Today

Preacher Rev. Dr. Jessica Patchett

Liturgists Rev. Sharol Hayner; Rev. Dr. Jessica Patchett

A Moment for Children Cindy Melrose

Music Director Kathy Otterson

Organist John A. Rafoth

Vocalists The Scholarship Singers Quartet:

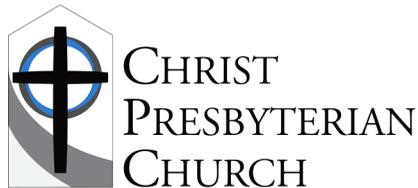
Amalia Goldberg; Kirstin Roble; Jiabao Zhang; John Bohman

A/V Coordinator Patrick Green

Livestream Ben McKnight

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Gathering in Love, Growing by Grace, Going forth to Serve*



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Sunday, January 9, 2022
Announcements

Happy New Year!

May God's blessings abound in your life, family, and community. May you know the presence and peace of Christ as you walk daily in faith. May you wisely invest your creativity and gifts in the pursuit of deeper connection with God.

New Year, New Eyes: Dreams and Epiphanies

Join us these five Sundays in January as we explore the many ways God reveals, guides, and leads us.

The arrival of the Christ-child awakens us to look everywhere for how God is with us. And yet, it's still dark, mid-winter, and much of the world slumbers. God comes to those who slumber and startles them with dreams. Dreams help us see new things. We try to make meaning of these visions, and they often set us on new pathways. In this new year, will we welcome how God is helping us to dream of what could be?

Winter Luau

Let's have some wintery fun! Families and friends of all ages are invited to the first ever CPC Winter Luau! It may be cold but we can still have plenty of summer themed winter fun including:

- Hawaiian themed snow person building contest
- Pineapple Bowling
- A Luau Scavenger Hunt
- Beach Ball Hockey
- Sledding in Giddings Park
- And more!

It all takes place Saturday January 22nd 1pm-3pm behind the church. Pre-packaged snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served! Dress warm, bring a friend, and come on down!

CPC COVID Phased Approach Update

Currently, Dane County is experiencing the highest rates seen during the entire pandemic. The CPC COVID committee updated the Phased approach document which the Session approved On January 3, 2022. This version removes the riskiest activity added in November (congregational singing) and calls for meetings to be held virtually. Staff members have been asked to limit their time working in shared spaces. Given the likelihood of exposure due to high community transmission the less contact staff have with others and each other, the less the chance that they will not be able to participate in or lead worship. *See the full report, linked from cpcmadison.org home page.*

Small Groups in 2022

A variety of small groups offer community, connection, and spiritual growth. These groups are starting and resuming in January:

- Tuesdays: Bible Study in Luke (Zoom, Pastor Jessica)
- Wednesdays: Centering Prayer (Doug Madsen)
- Thursdays: Brown Bag Bible Study (Jean Cowden)
- Thursdays: Centering Prayer (every 2 weeks, Doug Madsen)

Some groups are delaying resuming, details coming soon:

- Sundays: Parent Chat
- Fridays: Book / Bible Study
- Young Adults
- GatherX

Talk About It! Discussion From Today's Scripture (Matthew 2:1-15)

- 1) Who are all the characters in this account?
- 2) Who are the prophets in v6 and v15?
- 3) What frightens a king? What frightens a whole city?
- 4) Compare the word shepherd to the word ruler in v6. How might this suggestion of leadership differ from the Roman king Herod?
- 5) What are the methods God seems to use to communicate here?
- 6) What disruptions do you see in this passage to peoples' prior understandings, lives, and roles in society?

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