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EPIPHANY SUNDAY
FAMILY WORSHIP

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.



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PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Noel Rawsthorne

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We meet to worship God
and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

**All: Like a bright star in the night sky,
the life of Christ lights up the whole world.**

One: The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

**All: The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be,
where we have been and where we should go.**

One: Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

* HYMN 66

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess and lament
the violence of our world
and our fascinated bondage to military might,
merciless justice,
self-righteous revenge,
and national pride.
Shine on us
from the cradle of your vulnerability
that forgiveness, mercy, and kindness
may glow and grow among us
through Jesus Christ.**

adapted from Brian Wren

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Catherine Kendall

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.

Jesus, the long-expected Savior,

came into the world as a child, descended from David,

conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.

He lived as a Jew among Jews.

He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice, and peace on the earth.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child.

In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated.

The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule.

Through his birth, life, death and resurrection,

Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church US

* HYMN 68 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come* Allen Pote

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Arise, and shine like the sun, and all nations shall come, and all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising. The sun shall no longer be your light, nor the brightness of the moon by night. But the Lord shall be your everlasting light, your God will be your everlasting light. (*Isaiah 60:1, 3, 9*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. Please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place.

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

 **Sending** 

*** HYMN 56** *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL
As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
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Star with royal beauty bright;
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*** POSTLUDE** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* J. S. Bach

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall.

Church Office volunteer is Jane Bartman. **Greeter** is Gail Grady. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Spaulding Clark, Jim Douglass, and Connie and Martin Swindle. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the service. Prayer team members are Martha Kershaw and Jean White.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

Please pray for the Florida Mission Team traveling today to the Montgomery Presbyterian Center, Starke, Florida. This high school mission team is lead by Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Peer Minister Lex Allum, and Boston University sophomore Erin Tichenor. Team members are Sean Tichenor, Claire Morville, Ben Kunec, Abby Wilson, Claudia Morville, David Endicott, Nicole France, Kenna Spieles, and Jack Santinga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church building will be closed tomorrow, January 2.

First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter January 2 – 16, 2017. Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Evening volunteers and overnight hosts are needed each night. Drivers are needed on weekend mornings and donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are requested. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036) to find out how you can help.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 6, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome.

Full programming returns next Sunday, January 8, for Children's, Youth, and Adult Ministries.

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