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JANUARY 3, 2016
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

Congregational singing of carols and hymns

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

FAITH IN ACTION

Mission Conference

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather wondering,

“Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?”

All: We will find the Babe

in the laughter of children,

in the wisdom of grandparents.

One: We gather asking,

“Where will we find the Child of Christmas?”

All: We will find the Child

where the needy are gifted with hope,

where the oppressed are set free.

One: We gather wanting to know,

“Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?”

All: We will find our Hope

where fear is overwhelmed by grace,

where hatred is overwhelmed by love,

where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

* HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maker of moon, and stars, and us, we search for your light, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found

hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Rise and Shine! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.'

All: **This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as people of God. 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

Linda Strodman (8:00)
Jack Hollingsworth (9:30)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:1-12

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SERMON

Rev. Rogers

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 265** *Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand*

WAREHAM

WELCOME

Daniel Ervin (9:30/11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *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, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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, 19

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

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Litany After Communion

One: Go now, to find the Babe of Bethlehem waiting for you.

All: We will go wherever God leads us.

One: Go now, to find the Child of Christmas in the world.

All: We will see the Child in every person we meet.

One: Go now, to find the One who has come for us.

All: We will find Jesus in all the broken places and work side-by-side to bring healing and hope.

 Sending 

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

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

As the congregation stands to sing, please bring forward offerings of food for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor and gifts for the Rotating Shelter. Please use the special communion envelopes for monetary donations which may also be brought forward and placed in the baskets.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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* **POSTLUDE**

* Please stand 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 (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins 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 volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** for the 9:30 a.m. service are Bill McPherson and Sara Vander Voort; and Gail Grady for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Seneff, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Cyndy Colton, Don Redding, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Lucie Audette and Paul Kirton following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Cyndy Colton and Gale Redding following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." – Philippians 4:6-7

Musical leadership is provided by the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The liturgy is adapted from Thom M. Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*. **Scripture readings** are from the *Common English Bible*.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Today's Communion Sunday Food Drive donations will benefit Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee and a cookie. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Cookie bakers** are Sue Dempsey, Cindy Crawford, and Melissa Anne Rogers.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Worship Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Keystones youth group goes to lunch at noon.

Youth Sunday School and Mids youth group return January 10.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 does not meet today.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the Gnostic Gospels.

Exploring the Faith and Common Ground do not meet today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer for the Rotating Shelter, January 4 – 18. We open our doors again, January 4 –18, to provide sleeping space for up to 25 men directed here by the Shelter Association. Evening and overnight hosts are needed each night, and morning drivers on the weekends. Donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are also needed. Contact Carol Smith (psmith6641@aol.com) or John Yodhes (677-4036) for more information.

Hilltoppers (for those 60 and up) meets in the Social Hall at noon, Thursday, January 14. We welcome best-selling author Scott Ellsworth to speak. Please join us; all are welcome. The cost is \$5 for a hot lunch before Scott speaks about his book, *The Secret Game: Basketball, Race, and Reconciliation*. Sign up in the Church Office. We encourage you to read Scott's book prior to his talk. He will sign books at this event.

The Deacons' Blood Drive is Thursday, January 14, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, at Coffee Hour, or by contacting Gale Redding (276-8426 or galeredding@gmail.com).

Our monthly caregivers meeting will be this Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vance Room. All are welcome.

The Mission Committee invites all to a weekend conference, “Heavenly Calling, Earthly Work: Mission Reimagined,” January 22 – 24. Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, former Director of the Global Mission Ministry Unit and Stated Clerk of the PCUSA, will be our facilitator and preacher. Dr. Kirkpatrick currently is Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. More information is available on our website.

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