JANUARY 6, 2019 EPIPHANY SUNDAY THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

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LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00/9:30) Rev. Rogers (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. McGowan

One: We are searching for a light to guide us. All: Arise, shine for our light has come!

One: We are longing for inspiration to motivate us.

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: We are wishing for the world to change.

All: People are looking for God's light in us.

One: We are ready to see what God can do!

All: Our hearts rejoice in God's glory!

We join together to shine!

* HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are Three Kings of Orient

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your light shines in the darkness, O God. We confess that sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness, where we are free to participate in injustice, hurt others and ourselves, do whatever it takes to get ahead, and operate only in our comfort zone without challenge. Forgive our short-sightedness, our hardened hearts, and our complicity in systems that hurt and abuse your earth, your people, your church, your world. Shine your light again this day, that we may see and follow your path. Beyond our desires, our brokenness, and our understanding, call us to a more excellent way, that your light break forth within us.

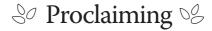
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60: 1-6

Lori Pickard (8:00) Thomas Layher (9:30) Tom Brandt (11:00)

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward. Rev. McGowan

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2: 1-12

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SERMON Rev. Buckley (8:00)

Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

* **HYMN 36** In the Bleak Midwinter (9:30/11:00) CRANHAM

* **HYMN 69** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (11:00)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

WELCOME Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Koenig-Reinke, Rev. McGowan (9:30) Rev. Parks-Piatt, Rev. McGowan (11:00)

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.



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. At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place.

Communion Music

Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

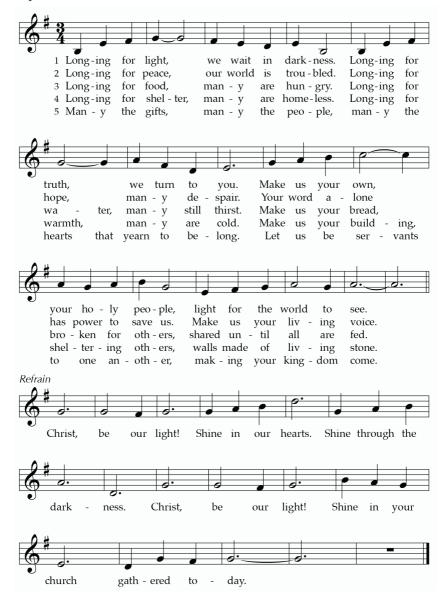
Prayer After Communion

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* **HYMN** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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.



* RESPONSIVE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: In the lonely cycle of days,

All: May we be wise enough to search for those who have been turned away.

One: In the grayness of gently falling fears,

All: May we be the star to point the way to hope.

One: In the frenzy of gift-returning,

All: May we continue to offer grace, peace, and welcome to the forgotten.

One: In the shadows lingering in despair's alleys, All: May we be another road to follow home.

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* POSTLUDE

* 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. Greeting you there today are Chris Queen and Ellen Johnson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. Greeters are Nancy and Gary Oliver at 9:30; and Karen Mundus and Marilyn Gibson at 11:00. Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, and Keith and Sheila Bilby at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jim Douglass and Jeannette Middleton at 11:00. The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Marolin Bellefleur and Nancy Oliver (9:30), and Linda Lampman and Michele Derr (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Do not pray by heart, but with the heart." — Anonymous

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Laird by his children; in loving memory of Richard Miller who passed away January 4, 2014, by his wife Angie; and in loving memory of Edsel Barker by his daughter Jennifer France and her family.

The Call to Worship, inspired by Isaiah 60:1–3, was written by Rachel Hackenberg and posted on http://rachelhackenberg.com/blog/. **The Prayer of Confession,** also inspired by Isaiah 60:1–3, was written/adapted by Teri Peterson, The Presbyterian Church of Palatine, Illinois, was posted on *LiturgyLink* (http://www.liturgylink.net/).

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 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. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are JoAnne Shaw and Ginny Horan. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir will not meet on Sunday, January 6. Regular rehearsals resume on Sunday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 300.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, begins today, at 11:00 a.m. in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room at the same time.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. All are welcome.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. The class, led today by Rev. Annette Fraser, explores traditions surrounding Epiphany (the celebration of the coming of the Magi to visit the newborn baby Jesus).

T2A2 Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The New Year is a great time to take up an intentional spiritual practice and deepen relationships with others. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter beginning tomorrow, January 7–21. Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036) to find out how you can help.

Youth Ministry Opportunities return next Sunday, January 13.

UKirk@UMich, Undergraduate Campus Ministry Opportunities return next Sunday, January 13.

Finance Information:

We received \$10,726 for the 2018 Christmas Eve offering to support Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin, Israel and the Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel

Living God's Love — Stewardship Update: As of January 2, 469 pledges totaling \$1,427,928 have been received. This represents 84% of our \$1,700,000 goal. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we begin planning the 2019 budget. Thank you for Living God's Love through the ministries of First Pres!

2019 contribution envelopes for those who requested them are available outside the Finance Office.

Please note that we have changed the company we use to accept stock contributions. The new company is RW Baird. Visit our website or view the Stock Gift Form (for broker) for more information. Don't hesitate to call the Finance Office at 662-4466 if you have questions.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 11, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Wednesday Hangout will resume January 9. T2A2 participants include grad students, university staff, and other young professionals. We have weekly hangouts on Wednesdays from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at various spots around town. Whether you've never been, haven't come in a while, or hang out every week, you're more than welcome to join us January 9! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

Register Your Child in Triangle Preschool. Triangle Cooperative Preschool (located in our church building) is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2019-2020 school year. Triangle Cooperative Preschool offers children a play-based curriculum that develops physical, cognitive, and social skills. First Presbyterian members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. There will be an Open House on Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m.— noon, for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. For an application or more information call 221-0905 or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

Plan now to be here on Sunday, January 27 when we welcome back to our pulpit at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Lynn Barger-Elliott, former Associate Pastor. Please note that the 11:00 a.m. worship service is cancelled for January 27. At 10:30 a.m. we will have our Shelter-in-Place drill and then adjourn to the Social Hall for our Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon. All are invited. Please sign up on the website or in the Church Office.

Families@First invites families to celebrate the New Year with a potluck on Friday, January 25, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Enjoy some time for fellowship, yummy food, and sharing your favorite New Year's Eve/Day traditions. More information about the event may be found on Facebook. RSVP, if possible, to btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org. Families@First is a group for families with children of varying ages.

Are you interested in serving First Presbyterian Children and Families, please contact Beca Torres-Davenport.Volunteers are welcome in

Families, please contact Beca Torres-Davenport. Volunteers are welcome in a variety of capacities — short term, long term, and anything in-between.

Our Local Mission Grant Program needs your input. Every year First Pres awards grants to local social service agencies who care for our most vulnerable neighbors. Please help us identify the issues you feel God is calling us to support. Learn more and give feedback at firstpresbyterian. org/mission/local-missions/local-mission-grant-program. Also, we need volunteers to join the team that evaluates the grants in late March/early April. Look for Martha Kershaw at Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, or contact Martha (mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net), Rev. Sanderford, or Rev. Koenig-Reinke.

Yoga at First Pres (Psst...it's also free!) Do you have New Year's resolutions to decrease your stress or exercise more? Come do yoga! All experience levels (including absolutely none!) and all body types are welcome. Join us Thursdays, January 10 and 24, 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Questions? Want to get on the email list? Contact Rev. Buckley.

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