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JANUARY 4, 2015
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
FAMILY WORSHIP

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



Wise Women Also Came

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VOLUNTARY

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Roederer (8:00)

Rev. Riegel (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Ground Cover

Lee Alexander

CALL TO WORSHIP

 adapted from *Book of Common Worship*

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: Nations shall come to your light,

All: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all of us, and grace for all humankind.

HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Please remain seated and sing the refrain for each stanza.

Stanzas 1-4: soloists Stanza 5: all

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for me.

**All sing: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Son,
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to me.

**All sing: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader: I will light a light in the name of the Spirit,
who encompasses the world and blesses my soul with
yearning.

**All sing: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All: We will light three lights for the Trinity of Love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end,
The everlasting One.**

A PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

**When the light of our faith and our lives burns dim, we cling to this
light of the Trinity - the shining star that leads faithful people to
the Christ child - savior of the world. 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

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Carol Fletcher (9:30)
Mary McKeever (11:00)

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mystery Revealed

The Porch Light

Rev. Conrad (8:00)

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

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 63** (8:00) *As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

* **HYMN 69** (9:30/11:00) *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

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

COMMISSIONING OF HAITI MISSIONERS (11:00)

Ruth Barnard, Jennifer Griggs, and Rosemarie Rowney

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, 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. (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.

Words of Institution

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.

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.

Prayer After Communion

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen

Sending

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

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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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* VOLUNTARY

* 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 and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Epiphany: God's Light Come to the World

Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as human being in Jesus Christ. The word epiphany means the "appearance" of God and has roots in the word for sunrise, or dawn. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of the New Year. For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us. Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us. Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories declare the miraculous birth of God in human form. Epiphany extols the appearance of God to the world in the person of Jesus Christ. The earliest recorded celebrations of Epiphany incorporated the stories of the Magi and the baptism of the Lord. Western Christians observe Epiphany as the visitation of the biblical Magi to the Baby Jesus, so Epiphany incorporates many images of stars, light and angels.

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.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer is the most concrete way to make our home in God." - Henri Nouwen

The ushers are Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Kerry Colligan, Merri Lynn Colligan, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m. Ushers at 11:00 a.m. are Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, and Jim Douglass.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. and 7:07 p.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 immediately 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.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

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.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Mids meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

Keystones meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 will not meet today.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current topic is "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith."

Exploring the Faith meets today at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Dr. Wally Schmeichel leads a study on the biblical story of the prophet Elijah in preparation for the February 14, performance of *Elijah* at Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan. The class will delve further into Mendelssohn's rich oratorio as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haiti Medical Mission Trip - Celebrating 10 Years with the Haiti

School of Nursing: Three missionaries from First Presbyterian Church, Ruth Barnard, Jennifer Griggs and Rosemarie Rowney, will travel to Port-au-Prince, Léogâne and Cap-Haitien, Haiti, January 7-14, 2015, to celebrate the tenth anniversary and graduation exercises for the FSIL School of Nursing. Members of First Presbyterian, along with other advocates for global health care, were instrumental in the launch of the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haïti in Léogâne (FSIL School of Nursing in Léogâne, Haiti) ten years ago. Under the leadership of Dean Hilda Alcindor, the School of Nursing will graduate its seventh class and celebrate its tenth anniversary on January 10. First Pres Medical Missioners will join a larger group visiting FSIL and other health care facilities in Haiti. The missionaries request the prayers of the congregation for a safe trip, opportunities to foster effective mission relationships in Haiti and for the continued success of the School of Nursing.

Caregivers Support Group will meet Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Vance Room. All are welcome.

Hilltoppers (for those 60 and up!) meets on Thursday, January 8, at noon in the Social Hall, for "More Than Meets the Eye: Planning for UM Campuses." Our guest speaker will be Sue Gott, Head Planner for the University of Michigan, and long-time member of First Pres. Come hear what's going on at the UM campuses, Camp Michigania, and other maize and blue places near and dear to our hearts. Sign up in the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers. Lunch is \$5.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m., at Max & Erma's, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome!

Immature Ministries (40s & 50s) offer "Post-Holiday Stress Relief." Share your undesirable Christmas gifts and newly discarded New Year's resolutions on Friday, January 9, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Tom and Cindy Crawford. Bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift or two in a paper bag. Newcomers are welcome – singles and couples! Sign up by January 5 by emailing Rev. Rogers.

The Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series invites all to attend “Forgiveness and Mental Health,” a presentation by Berit Ingersoll-Dayton, Professor and Director of the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science at UM. The program is Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the French Room/Library.

***Elijah* — Come and Sit with Us!** The UMS Choral Union will present Mendelssohn’s *Elijah* on Saturday evening, February 14. First Pres has 50 tickets, \$21 each. Reserve your ticket now by emailing Rev. Rogers, or by signing up in the Church Office. Because this is an 8:00 p.m. performance, we will carpool from the church and arrange rides for those who do not drive at night. Reservations must be made by January 15. First Pres will present several adult education sessions on this great prophet and stunning oratorio in preparation for the event.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

Reverend Renée Roederer, Director of Campus Ministry

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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

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Reverend Lindsay Conrad

Reverend Kristin E. Riegel

Reverend Lal Rodawla

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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