

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Celebration of the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8, 2023 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

arr. Richard Proulx

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**We come to this space
following the star, answering a call.**

You shall see and be radiant.
Your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

For our God will be our everlasting light.

***HYMN 62** Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

EPIPHANY SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
the radiance of a star guided the wise men
to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts.
You have given us more than a star to guide us.
You have revealed your glory and your love**

**in the person of Jesus - Light of the world.
We confess the times when we choose to go our own way
rather than be guided by you –
the times when we are reluctant to allow the power
and radiance of Christ to flow through us.
Strengthen us with your Spirit to be bearers of the light
and to reveal your glory and love through all we say and do.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Most High,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am God; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am Yahweh; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

My Son, the Beloved

David Blackwell

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee

And was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart

And the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

“My Son, the Beloved.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, Herod inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, the magi offered the child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF EPIPHANY

***HYMN 29** Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“I Saw Three Ships”

arr. Richard Proulx

*During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.
Others prefer to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.
Please feel free to make the transition between worship and re-entering the world
in whatever way is meaningful to you.*

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner

Churches all over the world celebrate Epiphany on January 6.
We enter the season of light which lasts until the beginning of Lent on February 22.
In the midst of trials, we hold in our hearts the sure knowledge
that the light of God has come into the world;
God is with us.

The liturgy this morning is adapted from
Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action,
where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

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