

Epiphany

Farragut
Presbyterian
Church



January 2, 2022
11:00 a.m.



~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Prelude sur L'Introit de L'Epiphanie
Tami Newsom, organ

Durufle

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Hymn #411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic.
We trade your goodness for ashes. We trade your peace for control.
We trade your promise for certainty. Gather us to you and return us to your
abundant mercy; may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

Picardy

Lord, _____ have__ mer - cy. Christ, _____ have__
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have__ mer - cy. _____

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response #23

Glory Be to God the Father

Gloria

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Ever Three and Ever One.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**God of light, whose wisdom shines like stars in the midnight sky,
make these holy words clear to us so that our eyes will see your salvation
and our lives will be radiant before you. We pray expectantly. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Linda Ewald

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72 (unison, Tune: Ein' Feste Burg)

Michael Morgan

**Grant justice, Lord, to those who rule;
Let righteousness compel their hand;
Their courts shall bear prosperity,
And serve the poor throughout the land.
O Lord, our cause defend;
Deliverance quickly send
To those who, bound in chains
Of greed and selfish gains,
Submit themselves to Your command.**

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**As long as sun and stars of space
Walk their divine-appointed round;
Long as endures our feeble race,
The blessings of the Lord abound.
Like rains that feed the field,
Our Lord to us will yield
The bounty and the peace
Which God will never cease
To shower where true faith is found.**

**God's righteousness extends to all
Who seek assurance in distress;
The weak who in their anguish bend
When hate and violence oppress.
As golden sheaves of grain,
God's harvest we remain;
All praise to God above!
Who crowns our life with love,
O bless God's name forever.**

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Gifts We Bring”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the “Book of Common Worship”

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander
Joey Nieman, baritone

John Jacob Niles

Call for the Offering

~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Preparation Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

Beach Spring

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s victory known.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Sanctus

Adoro te devote



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full - of your glo - ry. Ho
 5 sa - na in the high - est - , in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, in the high - est.
 9 Bless'd is he who comes - in the name - of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

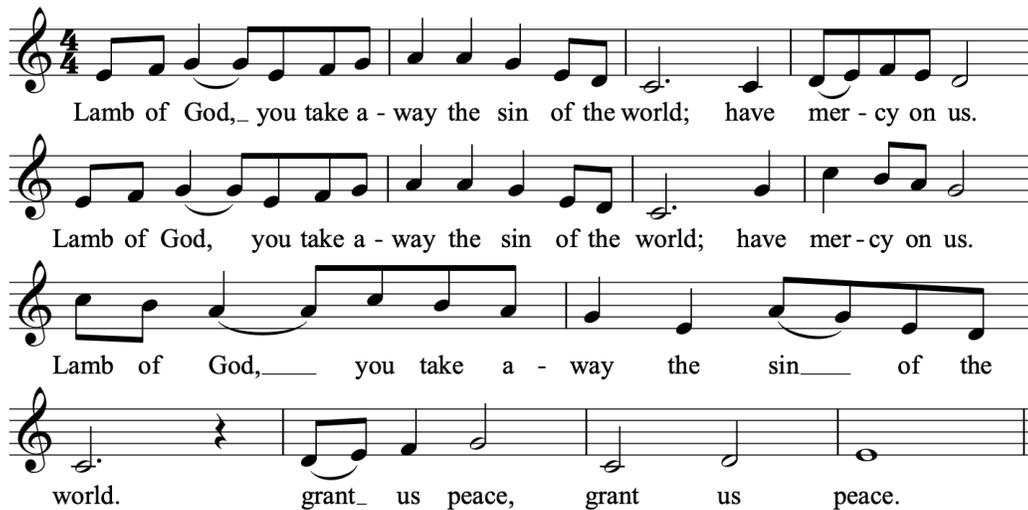
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~The Sending~

Hymn #56

The First Nowell

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**The first Nowell the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

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**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

**And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain***

**This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain***

**Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain***

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought. *Refrain***

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #66

We Three Kings (refrain)

Three Kings of Orient

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

Postlude

Recessional on Dix
Tami Newsom, organ

Ashdown

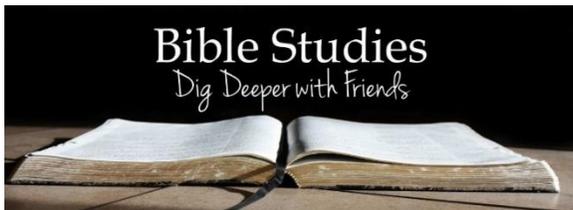
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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- scan this QR Code and click on the generated google doc link or
- go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance> or
- email the office at office@fpctn.org

Rockers will not meet in January but hope to resume get-togethers in February. For more information, contact Gloria Purjet.



On January 6, the **Thursday Evening Bible Study** will begin exploring the book of Esther. This well-loved story from just after the end of the Exile describes the origin of Purim, a Jewish holiday similar to Mardi Gras. One of the commentators described it as being “narrated with a ready eye for farce, and appetite for slapstick, and a pervasive sense of the ridiculous.” We meet from 7-8pm via Zoom and welcome new participants. If you would like to join us, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



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If you would like to help victims of the December tornado outbreak, you can:

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21 or by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check sent to the church with tornado disaster relief written in the memo line. We will forward your gift. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT:

- Gift of the Heart Kits are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season.
- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares),

PRAY: As we awake to news of devastation and death from another natural disaster, we pray. For those experiencing loss, confusion, and despair, may they feel comfort only your Holy Spirit can bring. For the community leaders and emergency personnel, we pray for wisdom and strength as they work to restore and repair their communities. May we heed your call, oh God, to be co-creators with you in the caring of creation, our communities, and your beloved children in their time of need. May the hope, peace and love of the Christ child comfort and keep us all.



Would you like a confidential, caring listener? Our Stephen Ministers offer comfort to those experiencing grief, loss, anxiety, loneliness, or family issues. All shared feelings and information are held in sacred confidence. If you would like a trained Stephen Minister who would call on a scheduled basis, contact the church office or one of our **Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley, Elizabeth Wilson, Beth Martin.

This Week at

Sun, Jan 02		9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship	
Mon, Jan 03	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 1
	10:00	a.m.	Confirmation Class/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Groups/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
Tues, Jan 04	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Parlor
	5:30	p.m.	New Elder Orientation/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Room 2
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Narthex
Wed, Jan 05	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Zoom
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
Thurs, Jan 06	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Jan 07	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or Parlor	This class has changed to Lectionary-based lessons, so each week we look at the texts that the sermon and worship service are developed from. In good weather join us outside under the trees in the parking lot. In bad weather we will meet in the parlor.
Monday Connection	Zoom/and Room A	This class is studying <i>In a Boat on the Middle of a Lake – Trusting the God Who Meets Us in Our Storm</i> by Patrick & Ruth Schwenk. The authors weave together lessons from their own experience to remind us that one of the greatest ways God transforms us is through trials.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/library	Please join Pastor Matt's Bible study in the library on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Consult Pastor Matt's Saturday morning email for the Zoom credentials.
Youth	Room 1	Join the Youth Sunday School as they DIVE IN to the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion to explore a different book of the Old Testament each Sunday throughout the school year! For more information, contact Mason Warren, Dir. of Family Ministries, masonwarren@fpctn.org



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Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

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