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January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Today is Epiphany Sunday in the Church calendar. The word “epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “manifest or appearance.” In Church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi.

What is the significance of the epiphany of our Lord? We cannot know the Lord in a saving way apart from Him revealing Himself to us! The Apostle Paul writes to Titus: “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy” (Titus 3:4-5a).

So then, as His people, may we rejoice and worship Christ together as we behold His beauty and love in His Word and around His banqueting table!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Albert Travis
Samuel Metzger, organ

A WORD ON WORSHIP George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sing to the Lord a New Song” Karle Erickson
Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
The Westminster Singers (8:15) · The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” MARION

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

Arise, arise, arise, your light is come!

**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.**

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Select verses from Isaiah 60 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you

**And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord

**The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;**

but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory

**Your sun shall no more go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MARION

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

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦ GREETINGS

On Sundays when communion is served during the 8:15 service, the liturgy will not include a Word to the Children. Parents are invited to take children ages three and under to the nursery as our congregation greets one another.

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now Thy pow’r to see, I would be like Thee;
’Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:1-22
(page 911 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Filled with the Spirit of Jesus, Part 1* George W. Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time and pass by the elements. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦ PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace,
You have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we confess that we sometimes choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of Your love.
Immersed in ourselves, we often gratify the flesh,
cower to the powers and principalities of this world,
and refuse to walk in the newness of life we have in Jesus.
We beseech Your forgiveness, Father,
and ask that You would fill us with Your Spirit
that we might walk in the light of Jesus,
boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus,
and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus,
our Lord and our Light forever. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON I John 1:8-9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!" HYFRYDOL

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia, His the triumph, His the victory alone:
 Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by His blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia, He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
 Through the cloud from sign received Him, when the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
 Alleluia, here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
 Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
 Alleluia, born of Mary, earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne:
 Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
 Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
 Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
 Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
 Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
 Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
 Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
 Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" HOLY DESIRE

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
 Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me after Thy will,
 While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
 Search me and try me, Master, today!
 Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
 As in Thy presence humbly I bow.**

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and wary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

"In Christ Alone" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE. Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final" from *Symphony No. 1*.Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday night at 6:00 in the Sanctuary for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. The evening sermon is based on the same passage of Scripture and is a continuation from what is preached during the morning services. We invite you to worship with us!

I. Produces Courage to Stand (*Acts 4:1-7, 13-17*)

A. Opposition

1. Religious

2. Secular

B. Impression

II. Produces Courage to Speak (*Acts 4:8-12, 18-20*)

A. Sin

B. Sovereignty

C. Savior

III. Produces Courage Unto Salvation (*Acts 4:4, 21-22*)

A. Expect the Ordinary

B. Extraordinary Through Ordinary People