

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at "Coffee Hour" in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

(✠ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2016 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red "friendship pads" found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT

"O Gladsome Light"

Donovan Klotzbeacher
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise and shine, your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

Now the grace of God is ours.

Now the mystery is revealed.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #56 (Hymnal)*

"The First Nowell"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You shine upon us with your glory, yet we hide our faces from the light. You speak to us a holy mystery, yet we do not listen to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, the least of all the saints, the wisdom to know and proclaim the gospel of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

"Gloria Patri"

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✧

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6 Don Winchell
Pew Bible pg. 690

ANTHEM *The Holly Tree Carol* **English, arr. Donald Moore**
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 1-12 Pew Bible pg. 2

SERMON “The Other Wisemen” Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Elevation* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
Organ

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* “Doxology”
Prayer of Dedication*

HYMN #53 (Hymnal)* “What Child Is This”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God's people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God’s service. Then, this response:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God’s blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

THE LORD’S PRAYER “Our Father...” Albert Hay Malotte,
(Unison – The Chorale/Congregation) arr. Donovan Klotzbeacher

THE COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Please come forward by the center aisle. At the front, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup before eating. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #63 (Hymnal)* “As with Gladness Men of Old”

RESPONSE* Choral Amen
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* Basse de Trompette Jean Adam Guilain
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**