

## **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

**EPIPHANY**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship**

**Quote for Meditation:** *“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.”*  
- John 1:12,13

**GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Elder Christy Hemmes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**PRELUDE:** “Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy” Grossman-Fraser/Harry Simeone

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Christy Hemmes

**One:** 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.

**All:** *May his brightness illumine our lives  
and beckon all nations to walk as one 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.*

**\*OPENING HYMN: #113** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Elder Christy Hemmes

*Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross you let your body be broken and your blood be shed. So often when we celebrate this act in communion, we fail to respond to your love in ways that glorify you. Sometimes we simply go through the motions with the bread and cup. Other times we think your gift comes only to us, rather than to Christians, everywhere. We might think we can't come to the table because we don't deserve your love, or pretend we are such good people we don't need that love. Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, forgive us for these and all our sins, as we continue to pray in silence . . .*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Elder Christy Hemmes

**\*Sung response: #144** “In the Bleak Midwinter” (verse 4)

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wiseman, I would do my part; yet what can I give him: give my heart.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*Children will return to their seats following the children's message.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

#### Pastoral Letters:

**Ephesians 1:3-14** (NT pg. 180)

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**1 Corinthians 12:4-31** (NT pg. 163)

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#### Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

#### \*HYMN: #151

**"We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING -

Elder Christy Hemmes

#### OFFERTORY:

**"As with Gladness Men of Old"  
Choir**

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #145

**"What Child Is This" (vs. 3)**

***So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all, to own him,  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!***

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder Christy Hemmes

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Scrivens

## SEALING THE WORD

### SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

#### Words of Invitation

#### Great Thanksgiving

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.***

. . . Therefore we praise you;  
joining our voices with the choirs of angels,  
with the prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name;

***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.***

“ . . .Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.”

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

***Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

***The Lord's Prayer ~ sung***

***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.***

### **Taking of the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine**

*Please take the bread as you receive it to symbolize our individual relationship with Christ.  
Please save the cup so that we might all receive it together to symbolize our oneness in Christ.*

### **Prayer after Communion (in Unison)**

***We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You  
have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in  
memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too,  
may become bread to nourish one another and peace to share with the world. Amen.***

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #147            “The First Nowell” verses 1, 3, 4 & 5**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

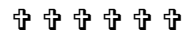
**Communion Music:**

**“We Three Kings”**

*arr. C. Davis*

Emily and Jeff Moorhead accompanying Vicki on the piano

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*



**Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .**

Minister:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers & Communion Stewards:	Elder Terri Kramer, Donna Taylor Alpaugh
Communion Stewards:	Deacons Matt McConnell and Tom Perry
Fellowship:	Epiphany Brunch

Welcome to our Worship Service ~ here and live-streamed!! Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they don't know and introduce visitors to us. Join us in Fellowship Center for our Epiphany Brunch following the service.



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