

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

JANUARY 9, 2022

Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."*
- Jeremiah 29:11,12

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

eacon Nancy Pappas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

"We Three Kings"

arr. Uehlein

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Deacon Nancy Pappas

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***

***We might not be able to sing with our voices, but we can still sing with our hearts.
Please refrain from singing.***

Opening Hymn:

As With Gladness Men of Old"

Cantor Al Kopacka, Jr.

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Nancy Pappas

*Sung response:

"Gloria Patri"

Cantor Al Kopacka, Jr.

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

6th grade and lower will be dismissed to Sunday School following the message

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Pastoral Letter:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Deacon Nancy Pappas

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Being Wise" Rev. Chris Scrivens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: "O Sanctissima" arr. D. Bish

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING – Deacon Nancy Pappas
(in-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Cantor Al Kopacka, Jr.

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER Deacon Nancy Pappas

PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Scrivens

POSTLUDE: "The Sussex Carol" arr. D. Wood

**If you are able, please stand.*

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