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***Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, January 3, 2021

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

***Announcements***

***Prelude***

“‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

*arr. Giamanco*

***For Prayer and Reflection:***

*Holy One, draw us into your divine and kingly presence this morning and guide us by your Word and Spirit that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

***Call to Worship***

O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

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**The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

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and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

**O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Hymn of Praise #236***

“As with Gladness”

*Dix*

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 your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, 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.

***Call to Confession***

***Prayer of Confession***

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, and wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life.

***Silent Confession*** (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

***Declaration of Forgiveness from 1 John 1:5-7***

**\*Gloria Patri** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Greatorrex*

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.

***Prayer for Illumination***

***First Scripture Reading***

Isaiah 60:1-6

***Second Scripture Reading***

Matthew 2:1-12

***Sermon***

“O Worship the King!”

**\*Hymn of Response #234**

“Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom” vv. 1,3,4

*Neumark*

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom, finding one wiser than they knew;

Rich men, they met with one yet richer — King of the kings, they knelt to you:

Jesus, our wisdom from above, wealth and redemption, life and love.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendor, led by a star to light supreme;

Promised Messiah, Lord eternal, glory and peace are in your name:

Joy of each day, our song by night, shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures, incense and gold and solemn myrrh;

Welcoming one too young to question how came these gifts, and what they were:

Gift beyond price of gold or gem, make among us your Bethlehem.

**\*Affirmation of 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.

***Joys and Concerns***

***Prayers of the People 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.*

***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

***Invitation***

***Great Prayer of 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 & praise.**

***Special music***

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

*arr. Getty*

***Words of Institution***

***Communion of the People***

***Unison Prayer after Communion***

**God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

***\*Sending Hymn #233***

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” vv. 1 and 5

*Picardy*

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

***\*Benediction***

***\*Postlude***

“When Jesus Was a Tiny Baby”

*arr. Johnson*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

***Leaders in worship:***

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Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

***Lectionary Reading for January 10***

Genesis 1:1-5

*Psalm 29*

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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