

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

(EPIPHANY)
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Isaiah 60)*

- One: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."
All: **"The glory of the Lord has risen upon us."**
One: Lift up your eyes to see all around you.
All: **Receive again the promises of the gospel, and participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ, as the nations come forward to seek the king.**
One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.
All: **Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

OPENING HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" GtG 827 *(Verses 1-2)*

- One: O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
All: **You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!**
One: Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior,
All: **you have won our hearts to serve you only!**
One: Lowly, holy!
All: **Great and glorious, all victorious,**
One: rich in blessing!
All: **Rule and might o'er all possessing!**
- One: Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
All: **Your word and Spirit,
flesh and blood refresh our souls with heavenly food.**
One: You are our dearest treasure!
All: **Let your mercy warm and cheer us!**
One: O draw near us!
All: **For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.**

O Morning Star How Fair and Bright!, Text by Lutheran Book of Worship.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals
and deny that our way of life harms others and
hurts your world.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Isaiah 43:1)*

One: “Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are made new. Thanks be to God.**

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 2:1-5,7-12
Ephesians 3:1-6
Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:21-22

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Everyday Epiphany” by Pastor Bill Vincent

HYMN “I Will Come to You” GtG 177

1. **“I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.**

2. **“I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.**

(Refrain:)

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.”**

3. **“I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.**

(Refrain)

4. **“I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!**

(Refrain)

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: ...You shine on us,
call us by name,
and embrace us;...

People: ...hear our prayer, Gracious God.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Glorious God, we offer our gifts in thanksgiving for the coming of your Son. Receive these offerings as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Bless these gifts and those who give them that they both may be used by you to reach out to be a blessing to others. May those who benefit from these offerings know of our desire to serve and know of your love for them, which knows no boundaries. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*(Let us hold the bread so that we might partake of it together, as a community.
Let us drink the cup as we are served, embodying our individual participation in
this sacrament.)*

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” GtG 547

**1. “Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

**2. “Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”**

3. **“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor: ...And let the gathered people of God say...
People: ...Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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