



Shining Hope, Lauren Wright Pittman

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Second Sunday of
Christmas: Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2022

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*LITANY FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plan of God is known to all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 143)

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son.
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

John 1:1-18 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession (1647), 6.044

We believe that the Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon himself human nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures — the Godhead and the humanity — were inseparably joined together in one

person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. This person is truly God and truly human, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and humankind.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE 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 and praise...

...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. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and astounding God, at this table, in this meal, we have been met by Christ—the reflection of your glory, the imprint of your being. As we go from this place may our lives be a joyful song, proclaiming the good news of your righteousness and peace for all the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 151

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KINGS OF ORIENT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Jeff Moles*

Presiding at the Table: *Dennis Jewett*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

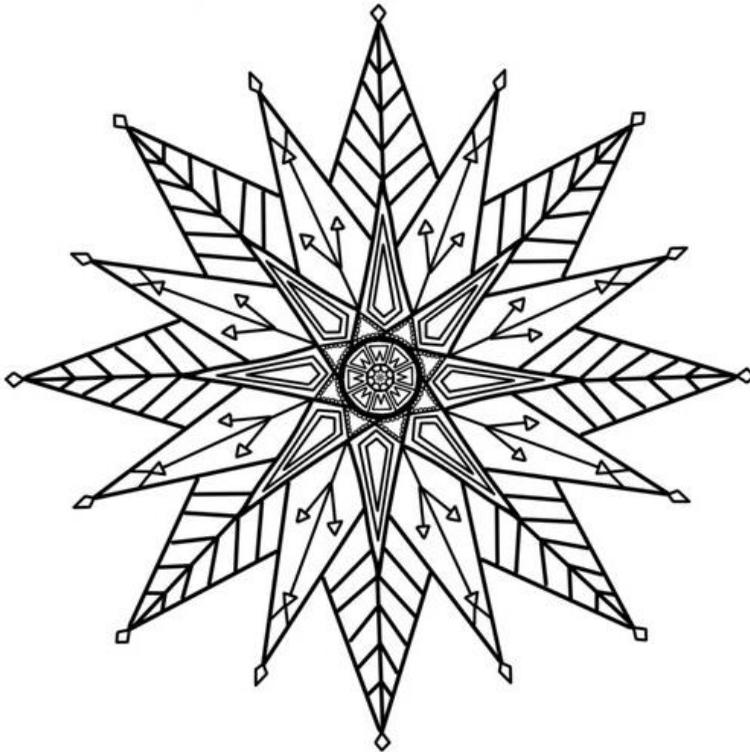
Communion Servers: *Brad Smith & Creda Heffelfinger*

The Life of the Church

2021 Financial Contributions must be received in the church office by 10:00am on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 (as long as it is dated in 2021) to be applied toward your 2021 Giving Statement. Thank you for your generosity!

The Owensboro NAACP's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm. This community-wide event will include guest speaker Rev. Charles Johnson of Henderson, KY, and music from the Kentucky Wesleyan Gospel Choir.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive
community of faith called to proclaim
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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