



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Christmas
Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord
3 January 2021 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Voluntary O Come, All Ye Faithful

Eric Thiman

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Behold, the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

The Lord will arise upon you and the Lord's glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Let us begin anew and give glory to God. (Isaiah 60)

***Hymn** We Three Kings

Kings of Orient

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 might, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us to reign. Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a deity night,
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have ignored cries of poor and the helpless while you came to deliver them. Our hearts are calloused to the needs of the weak and the destitute while you showed compassion for them. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Solo The Virgin's Slumber Song Max Reger

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child
While amid the tree tops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough;
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

Happy is the laughter, holy is Thy silent rest,
Lay Thy head in slumber, fondly on Thy Mother's breast.
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

Second Scripture Reading John 1:1-5, 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 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.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sermon Search for Jesus

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Texts: "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." Matthew 2:8

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

Solo The Kings

Peter Cornelius

Three kings have journeyed from the eastern land, a star hath led them to Jordan's strand,
Where the newborn infant King may be? With gold and myrrh and incense sweet,
They bring the holy child an offering meet. And brightly shineth the guiding star
Unto the manger the kings repair: with rapture filled, on the boy they gaze,
And bow before him in joy and praise. O child of man, hold thee firm and true;
The kings came hither, O come thou, too! The star of mercy, the star of love
Shall point thee the pathway to heaven above: and fail thee gold and incense sweet,
Lay thou thy heart at the Savior's feet, bring him thy heart!

The Church at Prayer

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

Introduction to the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication** Almighty God, we know that our talents are really not ours, but yours. You give us resources, gifts, skills, and talents to use in your service. We want to be faithful stewards, wise, generous, and joyous in our giving. Accept, we pray, this offering, as a sign of our desire to be trustworthy servants of our servant Lord, Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Festal Song

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey:
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door,
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing: God's power will make us strong.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella

Denis Bédard

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Worship Participants

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Diane Dietz, Soprano Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers
John Stafford, Safety Team