

Morning Worship

January 3, 2021 · 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 5.

SEEK THE KING'S GLORY

PRELUDE: Chorale Fantasy on "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"Dietrich Buxtehude

Jill Peak, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Burns

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Words: Christopher Wordsworth / Music: George Elvey / Matthew 2:1

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in Thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be, stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, all will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Judge appear:
Thou by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, mirrored in Thy holy word;
May we imitate Thee now, and be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we like to Thee may be at Thy great Epiphany;
And may praise Thee, ever blessed, God in man made manifest.**

INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Words: Thomas Ken / Psalm 150

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SAVOR THE KING'S PARDON

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our heavenly Father,
You are the One worthy of our exclusive devotion.
Yet, our hearts are restless and prone to manufacture idols.
We look to other things and people
to satisfy us and make us happy.
We confess that the world and its values seduce us away
from a simple, pure, and undistracted devotion to You.
Forgive us for the times that we have believed the devil's lies
and have not resisted the enticements of the flesh.
Rule and defend us by Your Word and Spirit
so that You might reign unrivaled in our hearts.
For we pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our King.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON I John 1:8-9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven" Kristyn and Keith Getty

Words and Music: Kristyn and Keith Getty

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven,
Born as a little baby under a wondrous star.
Like us, crying, He takes His first breath
Held by His mother, helpless, close to her beating heart.
Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers,
Come to turn me a stranger into a child of God.

Jesus, King of the highest heaven
Learning to take His first steps, that He might bring us life.
Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows,
He showed the way to follow, a way that is true and right.
Jesus, take away every darkness, steady my simple footsteps
That I might in Your goodness live as a child of God.

*Kate Witherington, Rainer Witherington, and Christy Young, trio
Mary Lawrence Flinn, piano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Chase Presson
Campus Outreach Area Director

SERVE THE KING’S PLEASURE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "What Star Is This" PUER NOBIS

Words: Charles Coffin after John Chandler / Music: Michael Praetorius / Matthew 2:1

**What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to His crib to bring.
True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob’s star;
And eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.
The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light,
And leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.
O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek Thy face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of Thy light to use.
To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Matthew 4:23-5:3

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the

Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON: Where Do We Start? Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

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Sunday Night Worship

January 3, 2021 · 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Josh Preston

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CALL TO WORSHIP

YOU ARE GOOD

Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation:

We worship You, hallelujah, hallelujah! We worship You for who You are!

We worship You, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

We worship You for Who You are, and You are good!

You are good, all the time; all the time, You are good.

For who You are, for who You are,

For who You are, and You are good!

Words and Music: Israel Houghton; arr. Dan Galbraith

INVOCATION

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You, our Christ—

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this;

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us; so Jesus, You brought heaven down.

My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,

The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this;

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You;

You silenced the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.

Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against,

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Words and Music: Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood; arr. Galbraith / Philippians 2:9-11

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Mark 5:25-34

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had

gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

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SERMON: Good News for the Poor. Gerry Peak

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook; arr. Bruce Greer / Hebrews 4:14-16

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

GOSPEL AMEN

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January Preaching Series

Each Sunday in January, as part of our annual Gospel Priorities series, we will hear from our pastors and some guest preachers during morning and evening worship on the themes of biblical justice, mercy, and grace found in Luke 4:18-19. Join us for worship as we continue to seek to become the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

January 10: Barton Kimbro (morning); Brandon Terry (evening)

January 17: Denny Catalano

January 24: Marron Thomas

January 31: Manuel Glory "Chucho" Morales

Online Bible Studies for Adults

Men: AMEN Bible study will resume online January 7, beginning a year-long series in the book of Matthew. Visit 2pc.org/amen to register and view the teaching schedule. *Note: If you were part of the fall AMEN study, you do not need to register again for the spring.*

Women: A variety of online options are available for women. Three studies are available, and two of them have a morning or evening option. Visit 2pc.org/women for more information and to register.

On-Campus Worship & Activities Reminder

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in our county, please remember that we are meeting online only through January 10 for all worship services and adult CCs. Our fitness center and track are closed. All other on-campus activities, including youth programming, are paused at this time.

