

## Epiphany Sunday – January 3, 2021

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## PRELUDE

**WELCOME** 

The Shepherd's Noel Michael Barker, organ J. Wayne Kerr

Mary Katherine Robinson

David Carter Florence

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

The brightness of God's light

shines upon all the nations,

## all are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us. with radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

## We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God

#### HYMN

## We Three Kings

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

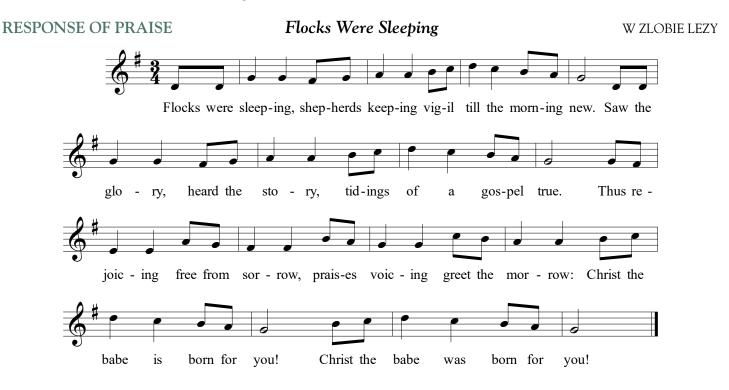
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, light and truth, we confess our actions are often evil, whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of the poor; Or when we ignore the cries of those in need. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world. Guide us in walking into the vulnerable light of love. Show us again the light of Jesus Christ, grounded in the law and teachings and living in hearts of grace. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight, from the smallest sparrow to the greatest prophet.

We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!



## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

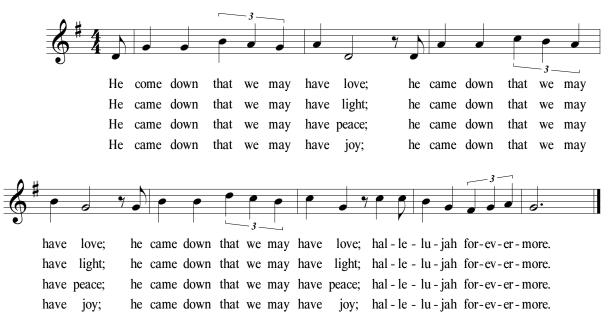
Matthew 2:1-12

#### SERMON

## Dreams Dilemmas Epiphanies

#### He Came Down

Sam Webber, percussion



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

#### Marche Des Trois Mages

Theodore Dubois

The lone, high-pitched pipe that is sustained through the whole piece is intended by the composer to represent the star which guided the Magi to the new-born Savior of the world.

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Wie Schoen Leuchtet Der Morgenstern

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Family and friends of Stratton Peacock who entered God's Church Triumphant on December 27. We will witness to the resurrection and give thanks to God for the gift of Stratton's life at a time in the future when we can safely gather.

Adrienne Atkinson who tested positive for Covid-19

**Ted Brown**, Mike Begley's uncle and Ruby Begley's brother, hospitalized in Atlanta with pneumonia and Covid. He is in his mid 90s but has been healthy previously.

Michael Bryant, Gayle Petty Johnson's cousin by marriage, having his fifth surgery in the past nine months for tongue cancer. Also his wife Anne who needs strength to help him. They are members at First Pres Ft Worth.

Liesl Case's nephew's family and in-laws in San Antonio, Texas who have been diagnosed with Covid

**Paul and Diane Ginther's granddaughter, Maxine, and her parents Kevin and Mel** have recovered from Covid-19 with no on-going effects. Thank you for all the prayers.

Judy Hollin's 99-year-old mother, Dorothy Allen, who tested positive for Covid-19

Family and friends of Alice Schweitzer who died on December 12.

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: Frank Dimmock

Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala** The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Great God of history, in a season of darkness and struggle, we claimed the light of your son who gave himself for us. As we enter a new year, fill us with your hope and courage and compassion so that we may spread the light of your love. In Christ name we pray, amen.

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## Session

Mike Ballard, clerk

Class of 2020 Jane Bannerman Emma Bell Anne Provost Drummond John Evans Patti Pyle **Class of 2021** Liesl Case Dave Johnson Deb Mullis Bill Straughan

# Deacons

Class of 2020 Class of 2021 Kristy Beaver Yvette Ballard Dee & Bill Cox Carey Jo Elam Susan Dannenberg Kiersten & Weston Hall Gay Ferguson Franklin Harris Olivia & John LaMotte Cindy & Ed McDaniel Ginny & Rick Lindsey Cathy & Neil McMillan Lew Rudisill Gayle & Peter Mudge Hannah & Sam Webber Kay & Mike Salmon Margaret Waterstradt

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Class of 2022 Susan & Ernie Banzhoff Kay & Jim Layman Susan McElrath Mary & Don McMahill Martha Jane Petersen Delores Spielman Janine & Russ Spiller

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