



**January 2, 2022 Epiphany Sunday**

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio

*God's love is here for you!*

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Alice Hoover, organist  
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## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELL** - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

### **PRELUDE**

All My Heart Today Rejoices

*settings, Wilbur Held and  
David N. Johnson*

Alice Hoover, organ

*"All my heart today rejoices as I hear, far and near, Sweetest angel voices.  
'Christ is born,' their choirs are singing, 'til the air everywhere now with joy is ringing."*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Karen

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Liturgist

Arise, shine!

**Your light has come!**

Arise, shine!

**The glory of the Lord has appeared among us!**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Liturgist

### **\*HYMN 744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come

\*All who are able please stand.

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Karen

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE 136**                      Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain only:*    **“Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!”**

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12

Liturgist

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

In the Bleak Midwinter  
Debbie Clark, soloist  
Malik Khalfani, piano

*arranged, Keith & Kristyn Getty*

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:39-55

Pastor Karen

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*Journey to Bethlehem*

Pastor Karen

**\*HYMN 151**

We Three Kings  
Stanzas 1-4

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18)*

Liturgist

Let us say what we believe.

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")*

Pastor: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world, saying:

**O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Shape us through the mystery of your will into one body, one people, sharing in the promise of the gospel.

**O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.**

Liturgist: We pray for the world . . . Work out your eternal purpose among us, so that the nations may be reconciled and all peoples may live in peace.

**O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for this community . . . Defend the cause of the poor, deliver the weak and needy, and establish justice in this place.

**O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.**

Liturgist: We pray for loved ones . . . Lift up the hearts of those who mourn; let them rejoice in your presence and give thanks for your grace.

**O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, help us to bear witness to your light so that all may believe and have life in you; in your holy name we pray the prayer you taught us saying:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Look to the Sky

*a Catalonian carol  
setting, Michael Burkhardt*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 144 In the Bleak Midwinter

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;  
yet what can I give him - give my heart.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

**God Most High, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down and offered the Child precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN 147

The First Nowell

Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)*

*"O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior,  
You have won our hearts to serve you only!..."*

*[This text was written by Philipp Nicolai in 1597.]*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE  
CHURCH THIS WEEK:**

**THIS WEEK AT GLANCE**



<b>WEDNESDAY (1/5):</b>	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY (1/6):</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the parlor
<b>SUNDAY (1/9):</b>	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary

**OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES**

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