

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

10:30 am



Mission Statement:

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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We are going into a new year.
Many human plans and mistakes,
much hostility and need
will determine our path.

But as long as we stay with Jesus
and go with him,
we can be certain that we too
can encounter nothing that God
has not already foreseen, willed, and promised.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer from *Wonder of Wonders*

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Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight.
But even the hairs of your head are all counted.
Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7



Leading in Worship Today
Rev. Helen Rose Moore, preaching
Jim Keith, Liturgist
Jessie Kuehner, Children’s Time
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
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Service for the Lord's Day Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude: *Wie Schon Leuchtet Der Morgenstern*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Introit: #155 *Raise a Song of Gladness*

Jacques Berthier

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Where will we find the Baby born in Bethlehem?

All: He is in the laughter of children, in the love of families, in the gathering of the faithful.

Leader: Where will we find the Child of Christmas?

All: He is where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free, in the gathering of the faithful.

Leader: Where will we find the Christ who saves us?

All: He is where fear is overcome by grace, where hatred is overcome by love, where joy is in the gathering of the faithful. Let us worship God together.

†**Hymn of Praise:** #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy Creator, we search for Your light in the beauty of the stars, but too often we settle for the darkness of temptation. Our motives for seeking Christ are not always pure, for we expect Him to fulfill our desires, rather than striving to serve Him. We want the gifts of earthly treasures, rather than those of servanthood, compassion and peace. Forgive us, Lord of light and life, that we are so foolish to put our desires ahead of Your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; grace, instead of fame; salvation, instead of riches. As we journey with Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the Light of the world.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

(x 2)

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

All: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

†. #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

Jessie Kuehner

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *A Cradle for a Lamb*

Penny Rodriguez

Just a poor humble shepherd boy, no great wealth did I enjoy;

But the angels came to me saying: "Go to Bethlehem.

There you'll find the one you've waited for - your Messiah, Christ the Lord.

You will find Him in a manger bed, in a cradle for a Lamb."

Now I've seen the newborn King; Light and peace to all He'll bring;

But what could be more humbling than a cradle for a Lamb?

God, in love, has found a way: A perfect, holy Lamb will pay for my sins;

He'll sacrifice His precious, only Son, His most precious, only Son.

Prayer for Illumination: #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 528)

Sermon Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 681)

Sermon: Journey to Bethlehem

Rev. Helen Rose Moore

Responding to the Word of God

†**Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (p. 34)**

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Fugue in C Minor from the Well Tempered Clavier*

J.S. Bach

†. #143 *Angels, from the realms of Glory (verse 4)*

†**Prayer of Dedication (unison):**

Generous and giving God, may the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely and hope to those who live in the shadows of despair. Let us bring the hope of salvation to the world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Inspiration:** #144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

†**Benediction**

†**Response:** #157 *I Danced in the Morning (verse 1)*

American Shaker melody

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

†**Postlude:** *Ode to Joy*

Paul Manz