

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 5, 2025



The Wise Ones, Jan Richardson

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in bold.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Text and tune found at Hymn No. 108

CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of God has now appeared

through Christ our light, in flesh.

The reign of God has now arrived

through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.

The mystery of God has been revealed

through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.

With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,

we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN — NO. 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE 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.

We lay before God our own sins, the sins and brokenness of our fellow worshipers, the church universal, and the world.

From Call to Worship, PCUSA

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God in the Highest (*Gloria in excelsis*)

GLORIA

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;
 Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 235-236
 Pew Bible, page 193*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
 Thanks be to God.

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.

SECOND READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Large Print Pew Bible, page 844

Pew Bible, page 690

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Let it Shine

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Our response to
hearing God's
Word includes
singing and saying
what we believe.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STATEMENT OF NATURE AND PURPOSE OF CHURCH OFFICERS

THANKSGIVING TO OUTGOING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elder: Mary Beth Adams	Deacon: Cindy Cothran
Willy Fisher	Vanessa Garrison
Katharine Frazier	Catherine Matthews
Leanna Giles	Bibby Pinson
Scott Moffitt	Raye Sapp
Nan Perkins	Patty Roberts Temples
Sarah Vincent	Julie Wellman
Nan Wooten	

PRESENTATION OF NEW OFFICERS TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Elder: A.C. Arnn	Deacon: Cydney Bates
Caroline Durham	Sharron Joyce
Sara Beth Hardy	Betsy Miller
	Becky Wagoner
	Judith Wright

PRESENTATION OF NEW OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

Elder: Jerry Bailey	Deacon: Lucy Kernodle
Gail McGowen	Penny Lewis
Scott Moffitt	Wendy Lunsford
David Sapp	Bibby Pinson
Avery Wagoner	Brian Wells

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OFFICERS *Book of Order, W-4.0404*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION *Book of Order, W-4.0404*

Do we, the members of the church, accept our new officers as Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God,

with joy we give you all thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place

you have chosen servants from among your people

to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,

who came not to be served, but to serve,

and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit,

he proclaimed your reign on earth,

revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants

whom you called through baptism as your own

and marked them as your own.

Grant them the same mind

that they may show the compassion of Christ

in the actions of daily living.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Epiphany Carol

Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

Chancel Choir

Eastern Monarchs, Sages three, come with gifts in great plenty;

Worship Christ on bended knee: *Cum Virgine Maria* (with the Virgin Mary).

Gold in honor of the King, incense, to the Priest they bring,
 Myrrh for time of burying: *Cum Virgine Maria.*
 On the feast day of His birth, set on thrones above the earth
 Angels chant in holy mirth: *Cum Virgine Maria.*
 Thus to bless the One in Three, let the present company
 Raise the voice of melody: *Cum Virgine Maria.*

-Latin, 12th century, translated by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...Therefore we praise you,
 joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every
 time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, God of power and might, All the earth is
 full of your glo - ry! Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho -
 san-na in the high - est! Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na!

Setting: Adeste Fideles

*The sacrament of
 The Lord's Supper
 is the sign and seal
 of eating and
 drinking in
 communion with
 our crucified and
 risen Lord. In the
 Lord's Supper, the
 Church gives
 thanks to God for
 all God's gifts, is
 renewed and
 sustained by the
 power of Jesus
 Christ, and is in
 communion with
 Christ and with all
 who belong to
 Christ. Today's
 celebration is by
 intinction. Come
 forward to receive
 the communion
 elements. All
 bread is gluten
 free.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — No. 744

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

*All are invited to
remain seated for
the voluntary. If
you must leave,
please do so
quietly.*



Moment's Meditation

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A **WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

EPIPHANY STAR ACTIVITY

On Sunday, January 5, as you enter worship you will receive a paper star with a word on it. This is a practice of having an intentional guiding word called "Star Words" and reminds us of the star that guided the Magi to Jesus. This "Star Word" is shared with you to encourage you to reflect and ponder on the word and its meaning, a guiding word for the year ahead. Put this "Star Word" in a place you will see it daily and frequently. Allow this word to inspire and challenge you each day. Discover God's presence as you experience this word when you least expect it. May this practice bring light to you. (Adapted from a PC(USA) *Around the Table* Advent and Epiphany resource written by Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri)

OFFERING RITUAL: In the pew racks you will find "Offering Ritual" cards. The giving of our offerings and ourselves is vital part of worship in which we express our gratitude for God's blessings. The passing of the offering plate is a visible demonstration of our commitment to devote our time and treasures to Christ's ministry. If you give monthly, quarterly, annually; or through stocks, credit cards, or e-giving, you may still participate in the offering ritual by placing this card in the offering plate. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, you will find instructions on the back side of this card. Scan this QR code to access FPC's online Giving with your Smartphone. It's easy to download a QR Code reader from the App Store!



PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Shive Hall

Monday, January 6

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council Meets – Room 122

Tuesday, January 7

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 7:30 a.m. High School Dough Devotions – The Park (S. Church St.)
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 122

Wednesday, January 8

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night – Room 401
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201
- 11:30 a.m. All Minister's Meeting – Witherspoon Room