

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning" arr. Linker

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 60

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light

And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

* Hymn 66 (PH) "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of glory,

you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,

to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride

hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;

We do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,

and baptize us once again with your Spirit,

that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory

shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (to PH 66)

***O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT, p. 690)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Once in Bethlehem"

McCullough

Second Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (NT, p. 2)

Sermon in Drama: "The Other Wise Man"

Worship Team

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 63 (PH) "As with Gladness Men of Old"

* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (PH, p. 15)

Offering

Offertory

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Linker

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13) and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 68 (PH)

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" arr. Sedio

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Stephen Owens by his wife and children.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
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Organist
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the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for