

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 152

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Brightest and Best" arr. Linker

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; your light has come! The glory of the Lord is upon you.

***Jesus Christ is the light of the world.***

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

***Jesus Christ is the light of the world.***

\* Hymn 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"  
*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 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 pour out the gifts of 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 584

***Glory, glory, glory – glory be to God on high! (repeat)***

***And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.***

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-7 (OT, p. 690)

A Time with Children

Anthem

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

Sermon: "Strangers at the Door"

Rev. Carter

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
*All sing verses 1 and 5.*  
*Soloists sing verses 2, 3, 4, with everybody singing the refrain*

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

Pastorale on "O Morning Star"

arr. Loeffler

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.*

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Congregational Amen
- \* Postlude "Personent Hodie" arr. Te Velde

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God

- in loving memory of Jo Conklin by John Conklin, and
- in memory of loved ones by Karen White.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Grace Farrell
Ushers	Ryan Flynn, Hadley Gilbert



*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

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