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## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

#### Prelude

**In the Bleak Midwinter**  
*by Gustav Holst arr by Sid Richardson*

#### Welcome & Announcements

Leader: This is a day that God has made!  
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Time for sharing news of the church.*

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: The Magi waited and watched,  
knowing something wondrous would be happening.  
**People: Oppressed and marginalized people waited for the birth of Jesus,  
trusting God was preparing to do something wondrous in their midst.**  
Leader: Following a bright star, the Magi found and worshiped the Christ Child.  
**People: The Christ Child grew up to shine the Light of Love and Hope  
into the dark corners of human lives.**  
Leader: We give thanks and celebrate  
the bright shining of God's Love and Hope in our lives.  
**People: Following the Christ Child  
we are called to be people who bring the light of God's Love to others.**

#### \* Gathering Carol

**Arise, Your Light Is Come!**  
*Glory to God #744, v. 1-4*

**\* Invitation to Confession**

Leader: The Epiphany season celebrates God's inclusiveness.  
The mystery of Jesus as the Christ is revealed,  
not to an elite few, but to the whole world.  
Yet we continue to build barriers to protect our own interests  
and keep others at a distance.  
When loyalty to God calls for accepting and embracing all God's children in love,  
we have much to confess as we pray together:

**\* Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of Light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us and then down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own. We judge the poor and join their oppressors, while you call us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. We imagine that we alone are faithful stewards of your grace, while you welcome, as fellow saints with us, many whom we ignore. Save us from earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the Star that draws all people to yourself. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.**

**\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to see the Glory of God.  
Receive Light and Healing, for Emmanuel, God who is with us,  
has come to live in us and among us.  
Believe the Good News:  
**People: Our hearts are radiant with the Light of God's Love.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

**\* Passing The Peace**

Leader: Since God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us,  
let us forgive one another.  
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.  
Please share the peace of Jesus Christ  
with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

**\* Carol of Praise**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**  
*Glory to God #113, v. 1*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: God of the stars, whose guidance is always available to those who look up, around and listen,  
speak to us now. We are troubled by many things. Break into our thoughts to reveal great joy at the heart  
of life, that we may worship wholeheartedly, offer you our best, and lead others to the discoveries of faith.  
Amen.

## First Scripture Reading

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,<sup>[a]</sup>  
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.

\* **Anthem**

**What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright**

*Glory to God # 152, v. 1-4*

## Second Scripture Reading

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 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.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

**“Witnessing to the Threat and Promise of the Christ Child”**

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\* Carol of Response

**What Child Is This**  
*Glory to God #145, v. 1-3*

Offering

**Invitation**

\* Doxology

**We Praise You, O God**  
*Glory to God #612, v. 1*

\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

As long ago travelers laid their gifts before the Christ Child, we too offer our gifts with great joy. Use our gifts to bring justice and righteousness, that oppression and violence may cease and peace may flourish. May the Light of your Love shine through our living, that suffering may end, and all may rejoice in your gift of life. Amen.

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Great Prayer.*

Leader: People who are on a seeking journey, may God be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: People of Epiphany, lift up your hearts.

People: **Overwhelmed with grace,  
we lift our hearts to the One who was born for us.**

Leader: People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

People: **We will sing our praises to the One  
who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

Leader: In that first moment, .... sing of your grace:

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
*Glory to God #595, v. 1*

Leader: Holy are you .... to us through Christ:

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen**  
*Glory to God #553, v. 1*

Leader: Holy One ... And now let us pray together the prayer  
Jesus taught his disciples to say:

## The 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 the Bread and Pouring the Cup

## Sharing the Bread and Cup Together

## Prayer after Communion (Unison)

**God of Grace and Peace, as you have shared your life with us through the Child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, we pray. Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

### \* Carol of Service

**We Three Kings**  
*Glory to God #151, v. 1-5*

### \* Commission and Blessing

### Postlude

**The First Noel - Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring traditional Bach**  
*arr by Tedd Smith*

### Participants in Today's Worship

**Pastor** – Marilyn Gamm

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Guest Pianist** – Rachel Presti

**Soloist** – Janelle Pierce

**Liturgist** – John Merker

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss and John Roman

**Ushers** – Diane O'Brien, Jim Person, Pat Gibbons

### **The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)*

*Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)*

*Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)*

*Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2022**

*We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.*

*We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.*

*We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.*

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding  
in Six Presbyteries impacted by the December 10-11 Tornadoes**

To support the PDA response, gifts can be designated in the memo line to DR000015 and mailed to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

**CATCH THE VISION 2022  
Financial Pledge Update**

**Our 2022 financial pledge stewardship campaign continues!**

Stewardship is a time to rededicate ourselves to the mission and ministry of Trinity Church.

In the words of our stewardship hymn, God “[empowers] us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!”

For those of you who have submitted your “Catch the Vision” 2022 financial pledge to Trinity’s mission and ministry, Thank You!

As of January 1, 2022 Trinity’s 2022 Financial Pledges were:

51 households	\$ 216,982.24
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This compares with total financial pledges for the past two years as follows:

2021: 53 households	\$210,290
2020: 60 households	\$254,750

If you have not yet made a financial pledge, please join me in prayerfully considering what you can give in 2022.

Each of us is important, and every gift is a blessing.

- Jenn Clodi

**The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry.** We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

**Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on Sundays.** Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

**we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us.** Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Transitional Pastor the Reverend Marilyn Gamm. You also can email her directly at [Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org](mailto:Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org)

**Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged!** Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att’n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)) and click on the "Giving" tab.

#### **Session**

Gordon Brown, Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Nigel Holloway, Mary Klingensmith, Sarah New Mayer, Mary McKown, Brian Muegge (Clerk), Bob Parks, Rachel Presti, Jan Schulte-Glad

#### **Deacons**

DeAnne Brown, Bill Cahoon, Stacey Carman, Anna Gardner-Andrews, Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Cathy Smith, Spirit Sorensen