



# First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" BWV 764

(Morning star how fair and bright)

"O Sola Magnarum Urbium"

(O more than mighty Cities known)

John Tabler

J.S. Bach

Gerald Near

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**The glory of God has risen upon us.**

Tell the good news throughout the earth:

**The saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.**

### +HYMN 147

"The First Nowell"

THE FIRST NOWELL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God judges the nations with righteousness

And answers the poor with justice.

Trusting in God's grace,

Let us confess our sin.

### 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 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 PRAYER

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**RESPONSE (121)**

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news!  
Hope does not disappoint us,  
For God's love has been poured into our hearts  
Through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.  
Believe this good news and give thanks:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**+RESPONSE (583)**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

*Three year olds through second graders are invited to come forward, place their offering in the plate and have prayer with the minister before leaving with their teachers for Children's Worship. Preschool ages meet in Room 208; Grades K - 2 meet in Room 311.]*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Pew Bible P. 690

**SECOND LESSON**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2: 1-12  
Pew Bible P. 2

**SERMON**

"The Visit of the Magi"

Richard Aylor

*[\*You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### +HYMN 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(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.

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Behold a Star from Jacob Shining"  
*Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.*

- Felix Mendelssohn

Numbers 24:17

### +DOXOLOGY (606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDRETH

### +PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

### +HYMN 159

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

KINGSFOLD

### +CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Rhapsody on Wie schön leuchtet, Op. 40 No.1"  
Allegro vivace

John Tabler  
Max Reger

*If you leave before worship's conclusion, please do so silently in consideration of others. Please refrain from photography and videography during the worship service.*



### TODAY'S SERVICE

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning and hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions and help you find your way around. If you need wireless audio receivers, large print bulletins and hymnals, directions to classrooms, restrooms or access ramps, please notify an Usher.

We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services (8:30am-12:30pm). Children 3 years old through 2nd grade begin in the main service and then go to "Worship and Wonder", a worship experience designed especially for children which is offered during the 9am and 11am worship services. Children who remain in worship (3rd grade and older) are encouraged to pick up a Kids' Worship Sheet to help follow along in the service. For help finding ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith, or for information about joining the church, please send a message to Membership Coordinator, Allison Cockrill, by emailing, [allison@firstonthird.org](mailto:allison@firstonthird.org).

The flowers in the chapel are given to the Glory of God by Linda and Jim Hundley.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Barbara Crumpler Bryan, Mrs. Shirlee Harris Wiseman and Mr. John Tillman Talbert, Jr. from the wedding of their grandchildren Carolyn Bracken Talbert and Aaron Mark Bryan in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 5, 2019.

The flowers in the narthex are from the wedding of Carolyn Bracken Talbert and Aaron Mark Bryan.

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**\*\*The installation of new officers  
will be held during the 11am  
worship service next  
Sunday, January 13th.**

## Contemporary Worship Gilmour Hall 9:00 AM

"Peace Has Come"

### WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

"Joy To The World"

"Christmas Offering"

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH AND OFFERING

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### COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON

"The Visit of the Magi"

Richard Aylor

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING

#### Leading in Worship:

Dan Lewis, Pastor  
Hannah Vaughan, Parish Associate  
Benjamin Horrell, Asst. Director of Music

Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor  
John Tabler, Director of Music  
Jenn Mueske, Contemporary Worship Leader

**Pastor on Call - (910) 338-9109**

\*Please leave a message and the Pastor will return your call.

*REMINDER: Please be sure to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.*