

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 06, 2019 · 10:00 AM**

(\* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

[PRELUDE](#) "Star in the East" Southern Harmony/Lovelace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader..... Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**People..... The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader..... Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**All ..... Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

\*HYMN "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" # 67

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Michelle Dolan

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,  
but we have preferred to live in darkness.**

**Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,  
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.**

**Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,  
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.**

**Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,  
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.**

**Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,  
that we may trust you in all things;  
through Jesus Christ we pray.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Baptized in Water" # 492 (v2)  
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 535

[ANTHEM](#) "Adoration of the Wise Men" arr Thoburn

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 1

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam  
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SERMON

\*HYMN "We Three Kings" # 66

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Ephesians 2:13-22

**In Jesus we who were far off have been brought near.**

**He is our peace, and has broken down all walls between us.**

**He has created a new humanity,**

**reconciling us to God and one another.**

**He proclaimed peace to everyone,**

**whether close to God or far away.**

**Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

**So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,**

**but members of the household of God,**

**with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.**

**In him we are joined together and grow into a holy temple,  
a dwelling place for God.**

OFFERING

Invitation

[Offertory Music](#) "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" JC Bach

Song of Praise "Baptized in Water" # 492 (v3)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

\*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Each communion tray has a dish of rice cake pieces for those who avoid wheat products

Invitation to the Table

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues and concludes with The Lord's Prayer using Pew Cards

Communion of the People

\*HYMN "As With Gladness Men of Old" # 63

\*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...  
Pastor:.... God is good **People:..... All the time!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

[POSTLUDE](#) "Noel XI" arr Walther/Powell

**Welcome Visitors.** Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

**Mission Statement:** First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

**A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room** is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back