

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 3, 2021 † 10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTORS: Rev. Jeff Binder, Rev. Chuck Falconer

LITURGIST: Cheryl Rees

MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Luke Smith

VIDEO/SOUND: Roger Rees, Dan Rueff, Greg Russell, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Isaiah 60:1-3)

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.

OPENING HYMN No. 143 (Angels, from the Realms of Glory)

Verse 1: *Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

Verse 2: *Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

Verse 3: *Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

Verse 4: *All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 88 (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) (Verse 7)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

The mercy of the Lord is like rain; like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 583 (Glory to God)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 2:1-11)

MESSAGE ("Into the Hand of God" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Ephesians 1:7-10)

In God through Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

RECOGNITION OF REV. CHUCK FALCONER

OFFERTORY ("I Stand Amazed" by Jan Sanborn; Luke Smith, Tenor)

(Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:

www.valleycommunity.org)

DOXOLOGY

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS No. 559 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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 LORD'S PRAYER (Cantor, Luke Smith) Malotte

Please join in singing as you are able

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 152 (What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright)

Verse 1: *What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.*

Verse 2: *'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed"; and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.*

Verse 3: *While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.*

Verse 4: *O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May we go from this space filled with the good news of God's love for the world.

Our king is here! The world rejoices!

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

