



# *Epiphany*



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 2, 2022**

## WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## PRELUDE

*We Five Kings*, arr. D. Miller<sup>1</sup>

## CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 60

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.

**People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*HYMN 151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*, Kings of Orient<sup>2</sup>

Verse 1 - all

Verse 2 - soloist; refrain (ALL)

Verse 3 - women; refrain (ALL)

Verse 4 - men; refrain (ALL)

Verse 5 - all

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**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** (*continue with individual confession...*) **Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*ACCLAMATION HYMN 583**

*Glory to God, Taize Ecumenical Community<sup>3</sup>*

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

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (no children's time this week)

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

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, 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.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

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.

## **SERMON**

*Changing Course*

### **\*HYMN 152**

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright, Puer Nobis Nascitur<sup>4</sup>*

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.

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.

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.

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.

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

## PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN

*He Came Down, He Came Down*<sup>5</sup>

He came down that we may have light, He came down that we may have light,  
He came down that we may have light, hallelujah for evermore.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Sanctus Hymn 556** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Roberts*<sup>6</sup>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith.

**People: Memorial Acclamation Hymn 557** *Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Roberts*<sup>7</sup>

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. [Repeat]**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Chorale: O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright,*  
D. Buxtehude<sup>8</sup>

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)**

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

### **\*HYMN 150**

*As with Gladness Men of Old, Dix*<sup>9</sup>

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

This Little Light of Mine, arr. M. Hassell<sup>10</sup>

### ***Worship Notes:***

*Offerings and friendship forms may be placed in the plates as you exit the sanctuary. Pencils are available in the Narthex. Communion cups may be thrown in the baskets also as you exit. (They will be rinsed and recycled.)*

1 Music Setting by Dan Miller ©2021 Birmamwood Publications. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

2 Text and Music: Public Domain

3 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979 ©1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taize (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

4 Text and Music: Public Domain Introduction: Hal Hopson ©2000, Hope Publishing Company. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

5 Text: Cameroon song Music: Cameroon melody, transcr. And arr. John L. Bell, 1986 Music arr. ©1986 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

6 Music: Leon Roberts, 1981, arr. Hanan Yaqub, 1998©1981 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

7 Music: Leon Roberts, 1981, arr. Hanan Yaqub, 1998©1981 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

8 Music: Public Domain

9 Text and Music: Public Domain Setting by Frederick Swann ©1985, Fred Bock Music Company. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

10 Music setting by Michael Hassell, ©1995 Augsburg Fortress. Used by Permission. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-703704.

## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 2

### **Spreading Joy - THANK YOU**

Westminster's deliveries of food to Thoreau families have been completed. Thank you to all the volunteers, who participated on either, or both, December 3rd and December 17th. It's wonderful that we've had the opportunity to be part of this collective effort to meet a basic need. - Rhea

### **The Joy Continues...**

Thank you to everyone who donated and attended the PWW Dessert and Auction and especially to Judy Graham for organizing it. About \$1,047 was raised, which will all benefit local charities!

### **Sunday School and Children's Time**

Children's Time during worship and Adult Sunday school after worship will reconvene next Sunday on January 9.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

The Westminster Bible Study class will be studying the Gospel of Luke this spring and we invite you to join us. The Gospel of Luke is prominent in the upcoming lectionary passages and Scott plans to design worship and his preaching around the gospel. All interested in a layered approach to the Gospel of Luke in both worship and Bible Study are encouraged to join us for our study using New Testament scholar N.T. Wright's Luke For Everyone study guide resource.

Westminster's Spring Bible Study class will take place weekly on Wednesdays, from 12:30-2pm, via Zoom, starting January 26th and continuing through mid-May. This Bible Study is for everyone - all are welcome! Please let Katie in the Church Office know by **January 12**, so that we can order a Study Guide and distribute them prior to the first class. [info@westminsternadison.org](mailto:info@westminsternadison.org). See you on January 26th!

## **New Book for Thursday Group**

The next book, *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, is in the church office for \$13. The book is also available on Kindle. We will reconvene book group on Thursday, January 6 via Zoom. Scott is scouting around for a few video interviews of the book's author Abe Dare and hope to share these with you on our Zoom call on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin discussing the book the following week (Jan 13). All are welcome!

## **January Intergenerational Yoga Guided Meditation**

Join Nansi Colley on January 23rd at 11:00 am in the Narthex for yoga guided relaxation. Come dissolve your tensions and quiet your mind with yoga guided relaxation.

Nansi is Professor Emerita at UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, and a Certified Svaroopa® Yoga and Meditation Teacher. This yoga program will use a combination of guided awareness and relaxation techniques as well as breathing practices that soften tensions and quiet your mind. You will experience a reliable, profound relaxation and a much needed respite from life's activities. You will release muscular tensions at the deepest levels, providing inner healing, as well as a calm, peaceful and focused mind. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a blanket or beach towel. No experience needed. Participants will be seated or lying on the floor with legs up on the chair. This is appropriate for all ages and abilities!

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...**

**Care List (rotating weekly):** Margie Knott, Hugh Moss, Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike

**Members & Friends:** Kelly McCann, Sue Dornfeld's granddaughter Nikki

**Note:** The church office will be closed Monday, January 3 in observance of the weekend holidays.

### **Leaders Today:**

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Ushers: Rhea Schultz & Sue Dornfeld

Liturgist: Jean Loup

AV/Tech: John Tarr

