

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:30a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE (The beginning of the prelude is a call to quiet personal preparation for worship.)
Greensleeves by Dorothy Wells
As with Gladness by Robert J. Hughes

CHORAL INTROIT
Shine, O Star!

Choir
by Lloyd Larson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Gibbs

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Alleluia!

All: *Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!*

One: With joy, let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying: "*The grace of God be with us all.*"

O Christ, let your gospel...be known through all the earth.

All: *The grace of God be with us all.*

One: O Christ...for people of every race and tongue.

All: *The grace of God be with us all.*

One: O Christ...further peace and freedom for all.

All: *The grace of God be with us all.*

One: O Christ...sustain the faith of the persecuted.

All: *The grace of God be with us all.*

One: O Christ...in whom all things find their ending, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

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 baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (a period of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jan Gibbs

O God, nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn. By the compelling light of your Spirit, draw us near, reveal your truth, and teach us faithful obedience to your holy word. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jan Gibbs

ANTHEM

There's A Star in the East

Choir

Hymn # 135

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"The Faith We Sing: What Child Is This"

HYMN 145

"What Child Is This"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Nicene Creed"

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he

rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

Those joining in worship “in-person” were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship “at home” we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving/ways-to-give/>). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

At this time, we also invite those joining us in worship “at home” to prepare your hearts, and table for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Make your table ready by gathering bread and juice (or wine), and setting it before you. Please follow along in the liturgy, and as the pastor breaks bread and pours the cup, do so at home. And when the congregation receives the sacrament, please receive it at home with glad and generous hearts, remembering that the Lord’s Supper is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to all who come to Christ in humility and faith, seeking and finding their hope and wholeness in him!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy:

HYMN 133 (vs.3) “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

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.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

One: Light of the world, you have met us and fed us with the bread and the cup. As our bodies are nourished with food so may our spirits be nourished by your presence.

All: Transform our lives that we may be your body in the world—life, light, and love for all people. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO BEAR GOD’S WORD

HYMN 134

“Joy to the World!”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christians, Be Joyful from The Christmas Oratorio

by J.S. Bach

Calendar for January 3rd – January 9th

Sunday, January 3rd

10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In Person and On-line

Tuesday, January 5th

5:00 p.m. Community Showers

6:00 p.m. Community Meals hosted by First Presbyterian

Thursday, January 7th

6:00 p.m. – Community Meals hosted by First Lutheran

Announcements

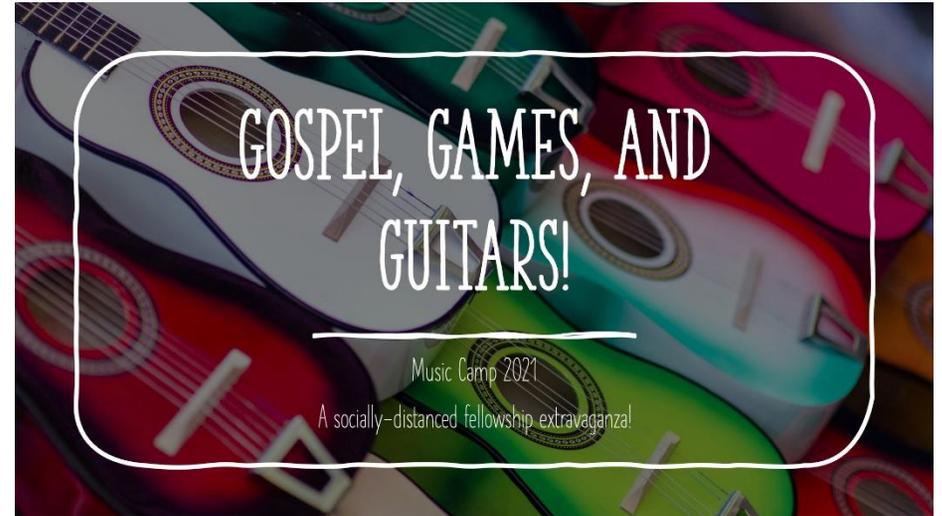
The Deacon's Offering: The first Sunday of the month Deacons collect for their missions, which support the needs of our church and community families: Bridge Builders, Blessing Box, Hospital visits, Community meals, emergency assistance and many other activities which focus on individual in need. We encourage you to open your hearts and mail in your Deacon offerings to help the less fortunate.

There will be an **American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, January 17th from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.** in Presby Place. To schedule your life-saving appointment to donate blood visit the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org or email Ray Coffey at rcoffey9@cox.net.

The next **Women's Bible Study** will start on Wednesday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Stacey Montgomery at batman0515@sbcglobal.net

Flower Sign Up for the Communion table for 2021 is now available. If you have a date in 2021 that you would like to provide the flowers, please call the office and we will sign you up. The price of flowers starting the first Sunday of 2021 will be \$45.

The **Upper Room Devotionals for January/February** are available **now**. You can pick one up anytime Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you would like us to mail you one, please call the office at 785-587-9578 and we will be happy to do so.



GOSPEL, GAMES, AND GUITARS!
January 23, 9:00am to 3:00pm in Presby Place
Registration deadline: January 17

There are only 15 SPOTS available so reserve your child's spot now! For more information or to register for camp, please email Sidnie Davidson, Children's Music Education Director, at sidnie@firstpresmanhattan.com. Any youth (6th-12th grade) that would like to help, please email Sidnie! Come join us for a musical fellowship extravaganza !

“Sing and make music with your heart to the Lord!” – Ephesians 5:19

Community Outreach Dinner Volunteers

Tuesday, January 5th will be Team #1:

Main Dish: Cinda Vogel, Missy Cox, Chris Wilson, Linda Couch,
Kelly Pittman

Side Dish & Bread: Garalyn & Jerry Connery

Dessert: Lana Arpin

Servers: Cinda Vogel, Chris Wilson, Missy Cox, Lana Arpin, Sandy
Stevenson, Aidan Hilton

Ways to Serve and Give

We need your help to continue to provide BREAKFAST BAGS to the community! In an effort to continue providing our community with a weekly breakfast which are handed out every Tuesday night with the community dinner. Initially we prepared 50 bags per week. As the need has increased, we are currently preparing 70 bags per week. Our Community Breakfast volunteers have been very gracious in helping provide food. But with this new demand we need your help in providing nonperishable breakfast foods. Following is a list of the items we are in constant need of:

- Granola bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit Cups, Juice Cups, Instant Oatmeal packets, large sized brown lunch bags, plastic spoons, napkins

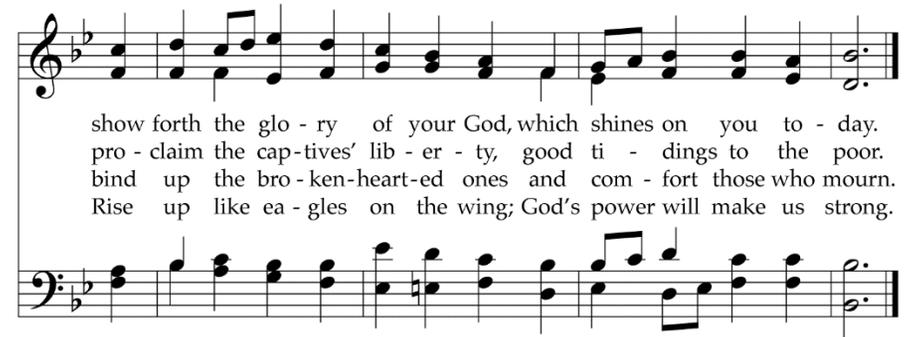
You can drop off food to the office anytime Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
SM
(this tune in a lower key, 815)

145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.