



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MANHATTAN, KANSAS



CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude | Dr. David Pickering, Organist

Still, Still, Still arr. Alice Jordan

Gloria for the Flutes arr. Alice Jordan

Familiar Nativity Melodies arr. Alice Jordan

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: We have watched; we have waited...Glory to God in the highest!

All: *Alleluia! Amen!*

*†**Hymn #133** | "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*†Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and lived among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives. Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

First Reading | Isaiah 9:2-7

Children's Message | Hymn #121 (verse 4 only)

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!

Second Reading | Luke 2:1-20

Sermon | Crowded In | Rev. Jason Pittman

***Hymn 134** | "Joy to the World"

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith | The 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.

The Offering

Offertory | Kathryn Pittman, Flute & Dr. David Pickering, Piano

Christmas Joy arr. Joel Raney

*Doxology | Hymn #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.

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.

And so we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 119 (v. 1) | "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

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

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing The Word Into The World

***Hymn #122 | "Silent Night, Holy Night!"**

The pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle. The ushers in turn will light their candles from the pastor's and then take their positions in the aisles. The first person in each pew will light his or her candle from the usher's placing the unlit candle into the lit candle.

***Parting Words | Matthew 5:14-16**

***Benediction**

Postlude | Dr. David Pickering, Organist

Good Christian Men, Rejoice! arr. Alice Jordan

WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

The word “epiphany” means “appearance” or “manifestation” of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or a solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry into the world; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and arising of Light in darkness, stability amid chaos, assurance amid anxiety for the whole creation. Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God’s true Light...to show and tell of Christ as God’s gift of grace and salvation for all people. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

Please join us as we give thanks for the “sun of righteousness” breaking into the world on Sunday, January 1!

NOTE: On Epiphany Sunday, we will receive what we call “Star-Gifts”—simple paper stars with a word, a thought, a notion to ponder throughout the coming year as to what gift, what talent, what blessing God has bestowed upon you or may be calling you to share with others in the new year. We invite you to come eager to find out what word you receive this year; what ways God will use you in the year as it unfolds.

Join us on Sunday, January 1, to receive your word, and to begin your journey of discovery for 2023!

2023 POINTSETTIAS

Lee & Jackie Borck

In Memory of Our Family Members who are no longer with us.

Alice & Dean Armbrust

In Memory of Our Parents.

Jerry & Garalyn Connery

With gratitude for our children and families, and their constant source of support and joy.

Jan Gibbs

In Memory of my sister, Marilyn Cool, and my brother, Ed Summers.

Steven & Cheri Graham

In Memory of Bill & Wy Johnson.

In Honor of Willis, Roberta, Craig, and Carol Graham.

Pat & Carolyn Fellows

In Memory of our Grandson, Kyle Hunt.

Jo, June & Davie Lyle

In Memory of Ken Lyle

Paul Bohlen & Family

In Memory of Sallie Bohlen

Rob & Jan Westberg

In Memory of Harold & Margaret Westberg

In Memory of Everitt & Marcella Kovanda

Barbara & Ned Gatewood

In Honor of Food Pantry Volunteers

Ok Sun Sparks

In Memory of Kim & Kathy Brower

Paul Dittmar

In Memory of Janet Dittmar

David & Judy Regehr

In Memory of my grandfather, Jacob Voth, who left the Ukraine in 1874.

Mike & Barbara Finnegan

In Honor of our Family & Friends.

Terry & Claudia Voos

To the Glory of God

In memory of our beautiful mothers, Ann and June, who taught us God's love, service, and grace. They saw beauty in everything in life and are now resting in the arms of Christ Jesus.

Terry & Donna Davis

In Honor of this Holy Season

Larry Bowers & Carolyn Knostman-Bowers

In Memory of Harry Knostman

In Honor of Ann McDonald

To the Glory of God

Lawrence & Cinda Vogel

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Bob & Mary Mertz

In Memory of Jeanne & Harold Mertz

In Memory of Adele & Joseph DeBartolo

Jim & Linda Schottler

In Honor of Our Church Family

Lynne & Bob Haines

In Memory of Loved ones departed; Dr. Bill & Mid Grading, Joe & Nancy Haines, Mike Grading, Bill Crow, and Doug Parsons

Patty McCrary

In memory of Dr. Don & Betty McCrary

In memory of Janet McCrary Mahgan

Rod & Shelley Manges

In Appreciation of Reg Pittman, Mitchell Jerko, & Robba Moran for providing leadership and musical talent to our services.

Guy and Jennifer Allen & Family

In Memory of Theodore and Lurena Perrine Allen

In Memory of Earl and Opha Short

Hunter & Rae Jean Hunt

In Honor of Reg & Mitchell

Bruce McMillan

In Memory of James J. & Blance E. (Merz) McMillan

Pam & David Beardsley

In Memory of Our Parents

Gene & Sue Klingler

In Memory of our Son, Bert

In Memory of Gene & Louise Klingler

In Memory of Gladys & Norman Walling

In Appreciation of Reg and the Choir

In Thanksgiving for our children and their families

Mark & Terry Healy

In Honor of Our Parents, Children & Grandchildren

Steve & Connie Bietau

In Memory of Jack Adolph & Virginia Bietau

Jason, Pam & Hudson Curtis

In Memory of Pam's parents, Lyle & Joyce Harrell

Katie Philp

In Honor of The Trenary & Gott Family

John & Ingelin Leslie

In Memory of Frank & Peggy Leslie

The Klingler Children

In Honor of our parents, Gene and Sue Klingler

Rob & Becky Wagner

In Thanksgiving for Our Parents, Children & Grandchildren

Jackie Macdonald

In Honor of Marilyn Parker's 100th Birthday

To the Glory of God & Our Church Family

Bob & Sally Mullen

In Memory of Our Parents

Norm & Mary Alice Schlesener

In Memory of Our Parents and all of our family no longer with us.

Ken & Laurie Johnson

In Honor of Ken & Nina's 68th Wedding Anniversary