



EPIPHANY: SEASON OF LIGHT



First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

January 22, 2023

10:30 AM

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise

Prayer of Preparation

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you:

Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Adagio in E Major

Frank Bridge, 1905

The Welcome

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk () is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.*

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Charles Wesley

Johann Werner, 1815

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies;
Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise;
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: A clear light on a winter night,

People: Piercing the darkness.

Leader: Revealing the next step,

People: Touching hearts with wonder.

Leader: Step into God's light; sing and shout.

People: Cast off fright; let go of doubt.

Leader: For love shines in each light

People: And the morning hastens to dawn.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TUNE: ST. DENIO

*The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Word for Children

Following the Word for Children, Preschool through 4th graders may leave for Children's Church. Middle Schoolers are invited to help lead Children's Church or remain in worship. Please pick up your children from room 213.

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone;
a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung Response NO. 630 *(stanza 1)*

Fairest Lord Jesus

TUNE: CRUSADERS' HYMN

***Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A Reading from Scripture

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Revelation 22

Paul O. Manz, 1954

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon,
for Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun,
for Christ will be their All!*

Sermon

"Clearly Beautiful"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

TUNE: DOWN AMPNEY

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Danish

Offering

There Is a Spirit That Delights To Do No Evil

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)



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***Doxology** *(unison)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Closing Prayer** *(unison)*

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy in the world. You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You, supreme strength, strengthen us. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

TUNE: LAUDA ANIMA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Johann Werner, 1815

*Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

***Postlude**

Toccata on Deo Gratias

Richard Keys Biggs, 1947

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM	Nursery Open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00	Worship, Sanctuary
9:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7 th grade, Stuart Room 214
10:00	Fellowship, Great Room
10:30	Worship, Sanctuary
10:45	Children's Church, Tower Room 213
11:30	Fellowship, Great Room
3:00 PM	Rev. Kent Kinney Memorial Service, Sanctuary Reception, Great Room
5:00	All-Church Dinner and Trivia, Fellowship Hall
6:00	Co-Pastor Nominating Cmte., South Parlor/Zoom

MON

9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
3:00 PM	Faith Formation Committees Meeting, Zoom
7:00	Session Meeting, Great Room/Zoom

TUE

9:15 AM	Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House Library
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012

WED

10:00 AM	Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM	Children's Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Children's Cherub Choir, Music Room Confirmation Class, Stuart Room
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00	Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00	Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé, Live Stream

THU

9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
7:30	Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room
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