



EPIPHANY



THE PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star ~Johann Pachelbel

THE INTROIT

"Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child" ~Grosjean
Bonnie Ross Ringers

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsively*)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

The light has shined upon the nations who live in the shadow of death.

The true light that enlightens every person is coming again to our world.

The Word became flesh, and we beheld His glory—
the glory of God's one and only Son.

The Lord is our light and our salvation; we shall not be afraid!

CAROL of PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

1. *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

2. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

3. *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER of CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another, in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus, our light has come; yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by Your Word, so that we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Hear us now as we silently confess our sins before You...

SILENT PRAYERS

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

CHORAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*) *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.***

A READING from the GOSPELS

Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

CAROL of INVITATION

We Three Kings

UMH 254

***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 light, 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.*** (*repeat Refrain*)

***3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.*** (*repeat Refrain*)

***4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.***
(*repeat Refrain*)

***5. Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.*** (*repeat Refrain*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 5:15-20 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

“Same Old You?”

Rev. Kevin Haley

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER (*unison*)

I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, place me with whom You will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for You or set aside for You, praised for You or criticized for You. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it! And may the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be ratified in heaven. Amen!

SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES

OFFERTORY

Once Again My Heart Rejoices ~arr. David Cherwien

Please use this time as we listen to the music to offer ourselves to the Lord...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

UMH 94

Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER of DEDICATION

CAROL of COMMITMENT

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

***Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!***

***1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.***

(repeat Refrain)

***2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.***

(repeat Refrain)

***3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.***

(repeat Refrain)

DISMISSAL with BLESSING

THE POSTLUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten ~arr. Noel Rawsthorne

GOING FORTH to SERVE

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!
Beginning Jan. 10...Sunday morning in-person Worship Services
at 8:30 & 10:45 in the Sanctuary *(Live Stream available at 10:45)*

~ ~ ~ *Ekklesia Worship has been SUSPENDED until further notice* ~ ~ ~

Please continue to check our church website
(greensburgfirst.org) for more updates.

Regular Church office hours begin Jan. 4, 2021

Monday thru Friday ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note...days and times may change at a moment's notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. Call 724-834-3111 with any questions.

Let's be safe...Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

Weekday office hours cancellations...If Greensburg Salem school district ever cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be cancelled.

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