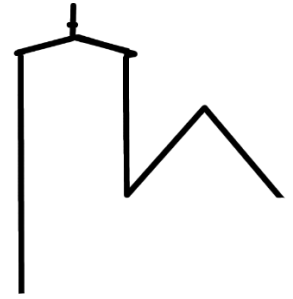


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue

Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

16 January 2022

Ten O'clock

ALMIGHTY GOD, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA).

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PREPARATION **Chorale Fantasia: How Lovely Shines the Morningstar!** *Dietrich Buxtehude*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rev. Clark-Jones**

One: *Merciful God, as people in need of your steadfast love:*

All: **with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.**

One: *We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:*

All: **with you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.**

One: *We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:*

All: **with you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.**

***THE HYMN 63** **As With Gladness Men of Old** *Dix*

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
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore.
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At the 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.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1858

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

EVERLASTING GOD, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people. Forgive us, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be. world with - out
end. A - men. A - - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*THE PSALTER

Psalm 36

Erhalt uns, Herr

1. Your love and faithfulness, O Lord,
Reach heaven above where white clouds sail;
Like ancient hills, like ocean deeps,
Your righteous judgments never fail.

2. How priceless is your love, O God!
You save both humankind and beast;
Your wings give refuge in their shade,
You call us to your house to feast.

3. Your streams of pleasure give us drink;
The well of life, Lord, is with you,
And in your light do we see light;
Give grace to all whose hearts are true.

Text: *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber
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Music: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 62

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

Epiphany Song

1. Bring we the frankincense of our love
To the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift
Of a love that is undefiled.
Holy the Infant, and holy the mother
Holy and precious the gifts that we bring
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.

2. Bring we the myrrh of humility
To the throne of the Son of God.
Ever recalling the purity
Of his life when the earth he trod.
Holy the Infant, and holy the mother
Holy and precious the gifts that we bring.
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus, our King.

3. Ever secure in his changelessness, Though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness, To the King who is Lord of all.
Holy the Infant, and holy the mother, Holy and precious the gifts that we bring.
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit and praise to Christ Jesus our King..

Text: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1976
Music: H. Kenn Charmichael, 1976

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*affirming together*)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Choose Something Like A Star

Randall Thompson

We are sorry we cannot reprint the text of this anthem. The poetry of Robert Frost is carefully controlled by his estate and heirs, and is not available for reprints in this situation.

SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy* ... Lord hear our prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[we pray together]*

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 67

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Morning Star

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!
3. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration.
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

Text: Reginald Heber, 1811
Music: James Proctor Harding, 1892

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May Christ Support Us

Norman Dello Joio

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
The Westminster Choir
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the second Sunday after the Epiphany. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. The equipment used to live-stream this service has been upgraded on a regular basis since our beginning to broadcast on the Web in March of 2020. Our thanks to Elder Larry Hicks who has worked tirelessly to bring our services to you. His expertise makes the sharing of our worship with our entire congregation possible. And also thanks to Dan Callahan whose beautiful flowers and plants adorn our sanctuary each week.

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TODAY'S MUSIC: The anthem is by Randall Thompson (1899 - 1984), one of America's most celebrated composers of choral music. His close association with the choral ensembles at both Harvard and Radcliffe made for great opportunities to combine the women of Radcliffe with the men at Harvard into a great mixed choir. This work is from the set know as 'Frostiana' ... settings of the poetry of Robert Frost. Although this is not a sacred work, the star image is so strong and suggests the Epiphany season so directly that it seems appropriate. The organ prelude is a great Fantasie on the Chorale (hymn tune), How Lovely Shines the Morningstar. There are two distinct settings, back to back. Buxtehude (1637 - 1707) was the greatest of the pre-Bach organist-composers of his day. J.S. Bach took some time off from his job to go and observe the work of Buxtehude. The older master's style and grace of composition made its way into the works of J.S. Bach and later composers. He was brilliant and imaginative in setting the great "Morningstar Chorale", one of the favorite subjects of the choral preludes of his contemporaries.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord,
our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come, life everlasting.
Amen.

... A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS



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