



## Bethany Presbyterian Church

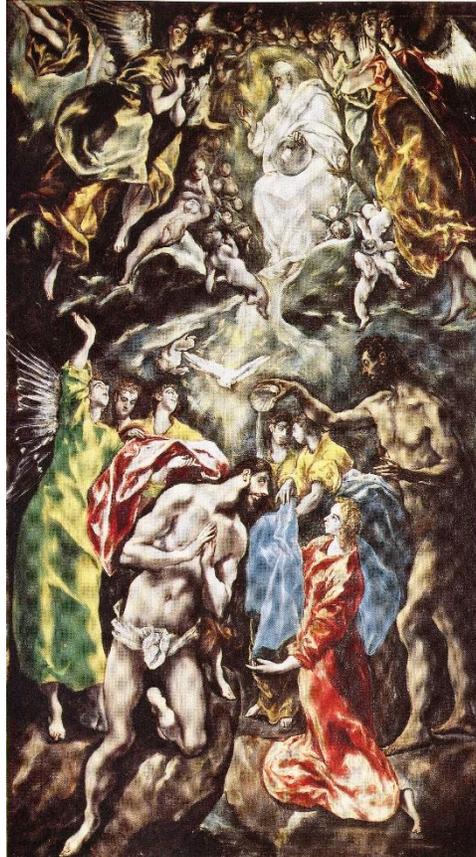
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January 9, 2022 – 11:00 am

*Baptism of the Lord / Epiphany Sunday*



### *“Celebrating Love”*

*“This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.”*

*John 2:11 (CEB)*

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Portions of today’s liturgy are taken from Ruth Burgess, Winter (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2016).*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *The Light of the World is Jesus*

PHILIP P. BLISS/RICHARD MILES

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

RUTH BURGESS, "NEW ROADS"

When the star had stopped, and they had seen the baby, they took a new road.

***When the decorations came down, and we have heard the story, we can take a new road.***

New roads can be scary. New roads are exciting. New roads are risky. It is time to go.

***Star-maker, Light bringer, Holy Spirit of adventure, come with us this morning on our road. Amen.***

Let us worship our God.

**\* OPENING HYMN #63: *As with Gladness Men***

W. CHATTERTON DIX

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

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.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that 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.

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.

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

**A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE**

**PSALM 104:14-16**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 745

**JOHN 2:1-11**

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1291

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES**

LIZ CRUMLISH, "SPILL THE BEANS"

God, so often in baptism we celebrate the gift of new life: life that is conceived in love and received with joy.

***Our children are, on the whole, nurtured and fed, nourished and cared for, their whims indulged, their exuberance encouraged.***

May we be forced out of our shroud of privilege and materialism to see how things are so different for children throughout the world.

***While the ravages of the earth prevent access to good food and clean water; where the ravages of war enforce a nomadic existence and constant fear; where the ravages of human failings lead to neglect and abuse; God, these too are your beloved children.***

So help us to care, to interfere and to intervene to live out our baptism promise, to welcome and share God's love with all God's children. Amen.

#### **A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

#### **AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so in Christ, God speaks to us:

You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.***

#### **\* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *What a Fellowship***

E. A. HOFFMAN

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

#### **\* A DOXOLOGY #592: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

THOMAS KEN

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.  
Amen.

#### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

#### **\* HYMN OF THE DAY #66: *We Three Kings***

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, JR.

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 night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I:  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, we are raising,  
Worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)  
Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *What Child is This?*

Piano Solo

COMPOSED WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX/ARR. CHRISTI STILLS

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Celebrating Love"*

REV. PHILLIPS

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN #29: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

JOHN W. WORK

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

## CHALKING THE DOORS

*From the Book of Common Worship: An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letters CMB and the numbers of the current year, separated by crosses (+), over the doors of congregations and Christian homes: 20+C+M+B+22. The letters CMB are said to stand for the names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) or the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Christ bless this house).*

God of doors and homes, bless this sanctuary this year and every year. Bless all who come and go through these doors, both those who live here and those who visit. May all who enter through these doors come in peace and bring joy. May all who come to these doors find welcome and love. May the love and joy in this home overflow and spread into the community and the world. And may Jesus the Christ watch over us all. **Amen.**

## \* CLOSING RESPONSES

RUTH BURGESS, "GOD'S BLESSING BE OURS"

God's blessing be ours:  
a blessing of loving kindness,  
a blessing of hope and courage,  
a blessing of listening and love.  
God's blessing be ours  
always. Amen.

## \* POSTLUDE: *We'll Walk in the Light (Jesus the Light of the World)*

GEORGE ELDERKIN/CHARLES WESLEY

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*



# *Our Faith Community @ Work*

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

**WELCOME** to this virtual service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**A Note About the Offering:** As we are temporarily worshipping online only during this time, you are invited to make your contribution in one of two ways: mail it in to the church, or use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

**Bethany Members**

Linda Abplanalp  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Joyce & Norman Mize  
Nancy Sutton

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Sylvia Donley  
Ron Kimrey  
Shelvia Russell  
Robert Sykes

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Norma Proctor  
John & Ann Sutton  
Randy Thompson  
Cindy Uzzo  
Don Burenhiede

Jack Cook  
Grace Johnson  
Anne McDaniels  
Shannon Russell  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Teresa Wilborn  
Frank Wrenn

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

This class is using our denomination’s *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for January are **Tina Patterson** and **Helen Brown**.

### **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

- Becky & David Eatmon – January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Nancy & Rick Purcell - January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Joyce & Bobby Peele - January 24<sup>th</sup>
  
- Sarah Osborne – January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Joy Saleeby – January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Abplanalp – January 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mike Sutton – January 17<sup>th</sup>
- Ellen Phillips – January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- A.J. Campbell - January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Norman Mize - January 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Liturgist**

January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chip Allen
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Brown
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (not meeting)
- 11:00 – Worship (Zoom and Live Stream)

Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> :

- 6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, January 16<sup>h</sup> :

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (not meeting)
- 11:00 – Worship (Zoom and Live Stream)

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### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jon Phillips

**Clerk:** Randy Cousins

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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Chip Allen  
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### Class of 2024:

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