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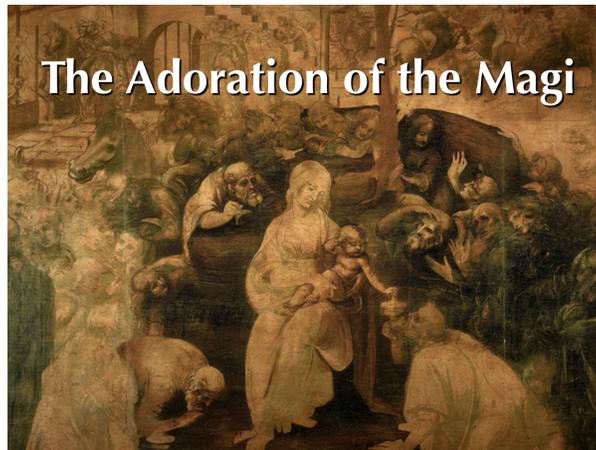
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January 6, 2019 – 11:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord



The Adoration of the Magi

“They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the year 1480, Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned to paint an 8-by-9-foot work for the main altar of the San Donato a Scopeto monastery. He started his “Adoration of the Magi” and was well along with it, but then skipped town, went to Milan and never finished it. And therein lies a lesson for us today.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Jesus the Light of the World*

G. ELDERKIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* **GATHERING SONG #411:** *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather wondering, ‘Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?’

We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

We gather asking, ‘where will we find the Child of Christmas?’

We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

We gather wanting to know, ‘where will we find the Christ who has come for us?’

We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

* **OPENING HYMN #66:** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

As God has spoken through the prophets,
God speaks now to us.
Hear the word of the Lord.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:

MATTHEW 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1170

This is the promise of God to our ancestors and to us.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray,

We search for your light, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

Forgive us when we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Rejoice! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS-ELECT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God . . . By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Randy, Ben, Tracey, and Nancy as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Behold the Star*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL / THOMAS TALLEY

Behold the star! Behold the star up yonder!

Behold the star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

There was no room found in the inn, This is the star of Bethlehem

For Him who was born free from sin, This is the star of Bethlehem.

The wise men came on from the east, This is the star of Bethlehem,

To worship Him, the Prince of Peace, This is the star of Bethlehem.

A song broke forth upon the night, This is the star of Bethlehem,

Peace on earth, good will to men, This is the star of Bethlehem.

Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder! Behold that star! It is the star of Bethlehem.

* **THE DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDETH

*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:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)* (see page 5)

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS AND 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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

*There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up shepherd and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow, follow,
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Leave you ewes and leave your rams.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
If you take good heed to the angel's words.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
You'll forget your flocks; you'll forget your herds.
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow, follow,
Rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem.
Rise up shepherd and follow.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #68:** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

PUEU NOBIS NASCITUR

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *Brightest and Best*

R. HEBER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Jesus, the Light of the World

With a gospel feel

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing.
2 Joy - ful all you na - tions, rise. Je - sus, the
3 Christ by high - est heaven a - dored;
4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

light of the world. Glo - ry to the
Join the tri - umph
Christ, the ev - er -
Hail, the Sun of

new - born King,
of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
last - ing Lord;
righ - teous - ness!

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.

O, shine all a - round us by day and by

night. Je - sus, the light of the world.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest 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; on Facebook at 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.**

For our children: Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

Audio and Visual Assistance: A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

Audio Recordings of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticonline.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

Our service this morning includes the **Installation of Officers**. (Since all three of our newly-elected officers have been previously ordained, the service will just be an installation service.) Please offer a word of thanks and prayers for **Randy Cousins, Tracey Troxler, Nancy Purcell, and Ben Russell**, as they are installed today.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Randy Cousins)

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

Bill Faucette
Faye Campbell
Frances Nolan
Shirley Lane
Ida Whitney

Diane Miller
Jack Cook
Joan Richardson
Teresa Wilborn
Tiffany Tauchren

John & Ann Sutton
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore

Deanna Yates
Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Ruby Martin
Katherine Turner
Foy Bayliff

Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Levi Byrd
Katherine Bayliff
Randy Thompson
Bill Abplanalp
Daniel Mitchell-Ayers

Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Pete Campbell
Ben Johnson
Ruth Younts
Alex Thomas
Susie Hunley
Robert Sykes

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

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)

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.

Our weekly Bible study, ***Disciple Bible Study: Into the Word, Into the World***, has completed the first half of the study on Genesis and Exodus, and is taking a brief break over the holidays before resuming on **Tuesday, January 15th** with the second part of the study on Luke and Acts. Anyone wishing to join this study are certainly welcome. See John if you're interested!

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

Elders of the Month for January are **Chip Allen** and **Ron Osborne**.

Thank you to all who have submitted their pledges for the mission and ministry of Bethany 2019. For those who have not yet turned their pledges in, it's not too late. **Pledge cards** are available in the church office and can be returned to Pam Hurt or put in her mailbox. Thank you for your generosity.

The Session will meet on **this Tuesday, January 8th** for its regular monthly stated meeting.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Installation of New Officers

Tuesday, the 8th:

- 7:00 - Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 9th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 13th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

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