Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth that all might be gathered in. In your triune name, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE A Stable Lamp Is Lighted Hymnal, No. 160

David Hurd

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine—for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines upon us.

From far-flung lands, people stream to the light.

We come, drawn toward the brightness of dawn.

Lift up your eyes and see: the faithful gather together.

Our hearts rejoice as we greet the Lord with praise!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Here in This Place

Hymnal, No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of glory, your light shines throughout the earth, scattering the gloom. You make yourself known to all people and gather multitudes
into the brightness of your dawn:
the powerful and the wretched,
the penniless and the rich,
the children of faraway places
and the children of this land.
Yet, we do not delight in the diversity of your realm
and fail to welcome strangers into our midst.
When we claim there is no room for others in your sacred courts,
when we deny grace because of status or circumstance,
when we guard your blessing as if it were ours alone, forgive us.
Expand our constricting hearts,
and help us draw the welcome circle wider,
until our communities radiate your glory and grace.
(Time of silent reflection)

...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Larry Upton

Page No. 602

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with iustice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

ANTHEM Go Tell it on the Mountain

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 Page No. 783

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Light Shines Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH We Three Kings of Orient Are Hymnal, No. 151

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Born In the Night, Mary's Child Geoffrey Ainger

Hymnal, No. 158

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD-CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The aifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG I Danced in the Morning Hymnal, No. 157

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION Go Tell it on the Mountain

*POSTLUDE Down Galilee's Slow Roadways John D. Horman

Hymnal, No. 164

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for January is **Non-Perishable foods of all kinds** as they were cleared out during the holidays. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Tony & Reina Babila.

Communion servers for today's service are **John Beck**, **Trudy Beard**, **Lucy Lanning and Nicholas Lindley**.

SUNDAY January 5

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

TUESDAY January 7

7:00 P.M. - Special Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY January 8

6:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir

SUNDAY January 12

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll

Sandy Clarke

Jan Cunningham

Laura Eckel

Doug Forsyth

Blair Lanning

Judd Lanning

Jayelle Martin

Emily Ryther

Gary Thrailkill

Jona Thiessen

Devyn Upton

Karen Upton

Janann Yeager

Melinda Clements

Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)

Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)

Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Jim Leseney (Vince Leseney's father)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.

Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.

Lisa Upton whose father Nolan Spaugy died on October 30.

Joys

Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck

Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

January 9- Karen Girdner January 10- Judy Burns

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Iran**, **Iraq**, **Syria**

We are **thankful** for:

- •the resilience of the people who remain in Syria, Iraq and Iran, despite constant threats and ongoing violence
- the relief and assistance that has been provided to so many
- those who have made a new home for refugees fleeing from these countries
- •those who have worked continually for peace, justice and reconciliation.

We **pray** for:

- •an end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers
- political leaders emerging in these countries who will pursue peace, the common good, and human rights of all groups
- •the international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved
- •greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.