



First  
Presbyterian  
Church *of Ann Arbor*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
January 5, 2025  
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



"The Lord is My Light" by Mike Moyers



8:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 5, 2025

# Epiphany Sunday

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

### Welcome & Opening Sentences

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**The glory of the Lord has risen among us.**

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

**Together, let us worship God!**

### Centering & Prayer

## PROCLAMATION

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

**Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together; they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.**

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Poetry Reading

"Meditation on Isaiah 9" by Josh Banner

Reflection

"Unto us..."

## RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus taught us to say, praying:

**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 debt-  
ors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

God of grace, thank you for meeting us here at this table – filling us  
with your grace and love.

**Sustain us as we go from this moment, that we might share your  
grace and love, wherever we go. Amen.**

## SENDING

Sending Song of Reflection and Receive Star Gifts

Closing Prayer

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

Go in peace.

*Share a sign of peace with one another.*



9:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 5, 2025

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## GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Prelude on Greensleeves*

Richard Purvis

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

**\*Call to Worship**

The glory of God has now appeared  
through Christ our light, in flesh.

**The realm of God has now arrived  
through Love made flesh.**

The mystery of God has been revealed  
through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.

**With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,  
we come, bringing our gifts to worship God.**

**\*Hymn 151**

*We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

*Please sing Stanzas 1 & 5 and all Refrains – Soloists will sing Stanzas 2, 3, 4*

Benton DeGroot, Tyrese Byrd, and David Magumba

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O star-flinging God,  
You lead us ever gently toward your promise.  
In unlikely ways and through unlikely people,  
you are always appearing in our midst,  
bringing greater revelations.  
Teach us this day to pay attention.  
Grant us softness of heart,  
so that we don't miss your appearance.  
Bring us into a deeper knowledge of you  
as we worship and seek you on this feast of Epiphany....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

LAND OF REST



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



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

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response

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**What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A Conversation with Young Disciples



Guide my feet \_\_\_ while I run this race; Guide my feet \_\_\_ while I run this race;



Guide my feet \_\_\_ while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain! \_\_\_\_\_

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

**RESPONDING & SEALING**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Walk in the Light*  
Chancel Choir

arr. André Thomas

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angles sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Glory to the new born King, Jesus the Light of the world.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

\*Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

**So, bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

LAND OF REST



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. — God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -



san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

## Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Table. The two outside stations offer cups of juice and pre-cut bread. At the inner stations, clergy will offer you bread to dip into the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.*

## Communion Music

## Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\*Hymn 744

*Arise! Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Passing of the Peace

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

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11:30 AM WORSHIP | JANUARY 5, 2025

# Epiphany Sunday

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Today we celebrate Epiphany Sunday, the twelfth day of Christmas (which is officially tomorrow). Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “appearance,” “manifestation,” or “coming to light.” On this day we remember the magi following the light of the star to worship Jesus as king of all people.

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## GATHERING

### Opening Voluntary

### Welcome & Centering

### \*Call to Worship

*Side A: Arise, shine; for your light has come;*

*Side B: the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!*

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

*Side A: The mystery of the ages is now known;*

*Side B: the promises of God are being fulfilled!*

**All: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**

*Side A: Let us kneel down before the manger*

*Side B: and give Christ honor, glory, and praise.*

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**Let us draw near to that light as we worship!**

### \*Opening Hymn 110

*Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, forgive and renew us, that we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ...**

*Silence is kept.*

### Assurance of Grace

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## Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, we invite you to share a moment in your life, when you were struck by light, whether it was the lighting, the shadows, the brightness, the color, something about the light stuck out to you.

Hymn 582

*Glory to God*

GLORY TO GOD

## PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288     *Spirit of the Living God*  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Poetry Reading

“Prayer” by Faisal Mohyuddin

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon

"Light"

## RESPONSE

Responsive Activity | Receiving Star Gifts

The Sacrament of Communion (see handout)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

## SENDING

\*Hymn 744

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\*Benediction

...we go out in peace,  
**to love, to serve, to imagine.**

Closing Voluntary



## CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

- 1. Reflection opportunity:** Today you received a star with a word on it—we call these our ‘star words’ or ‘star gifts’. Spend time reflecting on your word. Place the star somewhere you can see it daily. Write in certain places and let it be your word this coming year.
- 2. Opportunity to do something:** Words matter. The words we speak, the words we write, the words we share. Write a poem reflecting on your word and make it a ‘prayerful poem’. If you need some inspiration, use your word and create an acrostic poem. Share it with a friend.
- 3. Opportunity to pray:** When you think of your ‘star gift,’ is there anything that comes to mind that you could be in prayer about? If so, pray for those things.

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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## **NEW TO FIRST PRES?**

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## **PRAYER**

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

## **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE**

We love to have children in worship! Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

## Leading in Worship

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### **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Christian Vercler, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

### **MUSICIANS**

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

### **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY**

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# Today in Faith Formation

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## **ADULTS**

10:45 to 11:45 AM

**FIRST FRIENDS** | Curtis Room (Level 2)  
**The Call: The Life and Message of the  
Apostle Paul - Called to Follow Christ.**  
Host: Carole Pawloski

*Exploring the Faith, Exploring the  
Bible, and Follow Me will resume next  
Sunday.*

## **CHILDCARE & NURSERY**

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM

**AGES 5 AND YOUNGER** | Room 101

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

10:45 to 11:25 AM

**KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE** | Rm 300  
**Lemon Chapel Singers**

**CONFIRMATION** | Youth Room

**HIGH SCHOOL** | Lower Level 1  
**Faith + Creative Arts**

**YOUTH GROUP** | Youth Room  
6:00 to 7:30 PM

All 6th through 12th graders are  
invited every Sunday for dinner, games,  
discussion, and tons of fun!

## Announcements

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ALL CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

### **Game Night**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**  
4-6 PM | SOCIAL HALL

Kickoff the new year with an all-church  
game night from 4-6 pm in the Social  
Hall. Bring your favorite game and a  
snack to share.

MATURE MINISTRIES \_\_\_\_\_

### **LUNCH & LEARN**

**In Search of Anne: A Virtual Visit to  
Green Gables Heritage Place**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**  
12:00PM | ZOOM

Meet us on Zoom as guest speaker Sarah  
Conrad Gothie takes us on a virtual  
tour of Green Gables Heritage Place, a  
National Historic Site that interprets the  
early life and literary contributions of  
author Lucy Maud Montgomery.

MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

### **Rotating Shelter**

**JANUARY 6-25, 2025**

First Pres will host up to 25 men directed  
by the Shelter Association of Washtenaw.  
Volunteers are needed as Evening Hosts,  
Overnight Hosts, Morning Drivers, and to  
provide hot meals. Donations of new warm  
clothing, pre-packaged snacks, and juice  
boxes can be dropped off in the Welcome  
Center. Sign up at [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org).

# Worship Activities

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