



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

Call to Worship

God of God,
Light of Light
true God of true God,
has come among us.

Object of the Magi's search,
subject of an old man's song,
fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching,
has come among us.

Mary's son,
Joseph's son,
God's only son,
has come among us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn # 150

As with Gladness Men of Old
verses 1,2, & 3

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,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our complicity in the divisions
that have wounded our country and our world.
We have been silent when others are disparaged or held in contempt.
We ourselves have harbored ill will in our hearts.
Forgive and restore in us your Spirit of compassion and justice-seeking love.

Assurance of Pardon

Response # 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Moment with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 72: 1-7, 12-14

Special Music

Joyful, Joyful To the World

arr. Althouse

Becci Stedry, soprano; Wendi Arms, vocals and piano; Micah Arms, trumpet

New Testament Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

"A Most Peculiar King"

Dr. Peery

Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The 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.

The prayer continues. . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Hymn # 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are
verses 1, 2, & 5

KINGS OF ORIENT

1 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!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response # 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LAND OF REST

Postlude

The Rejoicing from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Handel

Welcome to worship on this 2nd Sunday of Christmas. Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

As we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, please gather the elements of bread and juice or wine and join in sharing this holy meal as a community of faith.

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