



**SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**A welcoming community
of faith where Jesus Christ
transforms lives**

Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the welcome cards in the pew rack so we may greet you and respond to any questions you might have.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

9:30 Vivian Baker and
Natalie Countryman
11:00 Laila Rasmusson and
Lillian Pfadt

PRESENTING THE ELEMENTS

Bread & Wine

9:30 Nick and Lucas Countryman
11:00 Jonathan, Carol, Harper
and Quinn Sundheimer

Next Sunday, January 12

8:15, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Creatures of Habit

10:35 a.m.
Wholeness and Communion
Dr. John R. Koppitch

5 p.m. - Together@5
Tom Markey

BELONGING TO OTHERS

TODAY'S WORSHIP - 9:30 & 11 AM

January 5, 2020 – Epiphany Sunday

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
BuxWV 223 Dieterich Buxtehude
Dr. John Allegar, organ (1637-1707)

+ **Welcome** Rev. Christopher A. Henry

* **Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

All: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord,

All: **for God has done wondrous things!**

One: Children of God, welcome home!

* **Prayer of Adoration** Rev. Karen L. Lang

*+ **Processional Hymn #56** *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL
(V. 1-3; 6)

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod.

Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, fail to care for the vulnerable and support the weak. Whenever we cling to security rather than risking love for others.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost.

In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.

**PARENTS:
TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)**

Children are always welcome in worship. After the Time with Children, children may return to worship with their families or may depart with caregivers to:

- Infants, Room 240
- Toddlers and Twos, Room 233
- Threes - Grade 2, Children's Chapel, Room 206

Children's Choirs

- 4s-Grade 1, Room 312
- Grades 2-5, Room 112

If you have not yet checked your child in at a kiosk, please fill out a name tag (found in the pew racks) and place it on your child's back. Bring the other half of the tag with you when you pick up your child.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From then he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** Response of Praise**

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
(Glory to God in the highest!)

*** Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*** Hymn #66** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
(Congregation sings the first and last verses and the refrain after each verse. Soloist sings verses 2-4.)

**+ Ritual of Friendship
and the Concerns of the Church**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Time with Children (11:00)

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon John Bell (9:30)
Deacon Bill Graves (11:00)

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

(p. 850)

Anthem

The Birds

Benjamin Britten

Jesse Warren, bass

(1913-1976)

When Jesus Christ was four years old,
The angels brought Him toys of gold,
Which no man ever had bought or sold.

And yet with these He would not play,
He made Him small fowl out of clay,
And blessed them till they flew away:

Tu creasti Domine. (Thou hast created them, O Lord.)

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,
And bring my soul to Paradise.

Text: Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953)

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

(p. 877)

Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

“Resolved to Seek”

“When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.”

(MATTHEW 2:9)

*** Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Brian S. Shivers (9:30)
Tom Markey (11:00)

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Prayers of the People 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.

Offertory *The Stars Looked Down* Mark Schweizer
(1956-2019)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown.
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

Text: G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

* **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Hymn #592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **Closing Hymn #63** *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Max Drischner
(1891-1971)

Worship Leaders

Rev. Karen L. Lang, *Senior Associate Pastor for Congregational Life*
Tom Markey, *Coordinator of Middle School Ministry*
Rev. Brian S. Shivers, *Senior Associate Pastor for Spiritual Life*
Rev. Christopher A. Henry, *Senior Pastor*

News Within the Church Family

Deaths:

Betty McLeod
Irene Krahulik
Needham S. Hurst

Please notify the church if you, or family members, are hospitalized. Call Rev. Madison VanVeelen (317) 253-6461, ext. 332, or use our website Prayer Request form.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 11-1 PM, COMMUNITY ROOM



You belong at the annual meeting and congregational lunch! We'll gather as a community of faith to celebrate our life together and look forward to the coming year. Worship services will be at 8:15 and 10 a.m. The annual meeting will be immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service, followed by a congregational lunch. Reserve your lunch ticket and child care online by January 27.

Lunch reservations: \$12 Adults, \$6 grade 6-12, \$4 children age 4 to grade 5, free under 3 years. *Discount to families of 5 or more.*

Today@Second

8 a.m.

- Childcare, 240

9 a.m.

- Coffee Hour, McFarland Hall

9:30 a.m.

- Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School, Second Floor
- Elementary Sunday School, Third Floor
- Middle School Sunday School, Youth Suite
- High School Sunday School, Youth Suite

10:35 a.m.

- Service of Wholeness and Communion, Chapel
- Wintermission, McFarland Hall

11 a.m.

- Footsteps of Faith, Youth Suite

11:15 a.m.

- Children's Chapel, 206
- Children's Choir, 112 & 312

5 p.m.

- Together@5, McFarland Hall

This Week@Second

Monday, January 6

- Yoga, 9:30 a.m., 356
- PW Wisdom Seekers, 10 a.m., 231
- Ladies' Sewing Group, 10 a.m., 230
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312
- 2020 Deacons Dinner & Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room

Tuesday, January 7

- Northside Pantry - Tuesday Shift, 12:30 p.m., Mission Suite
- Spiritual Life Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 312

Wednesday, January 8

- Northside Pantry Shift, 4 p.m., Mission Suite
- Care Corp, 5 p.m., 231
- PW Wednesday PM Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., 230
- Youth Ministries, 6:30 p.m., Youth Suite, MPR
- Young Adults Small Group, 7 p.m., offsite

Thursday, January 9

- PW Thursday AM Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., 407
- Yoga, 9:30 a.m., 356
- Northside Pantry Shift, 10 a.m., Mission Suite
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312
- Spiritual Growth Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m., 312
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, January 10

- CCP Group Tours, 9 a.m., 2nd flr. elevator area
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312

Saturday, January 11

- Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal, 9 a.m., 312
- Art of Faithful Creation, 9:30 a.m., 230
- Northside Pantry Shift, 10 a.m., Mission Suite
- Medieval Spirituality, 1 p.m., 112



Check the monthly newsletter for many more opportunities