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Worships God at 6:30 p.m.

January 5, 2018

The Twelfth Day of Christmas/Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Ch. Bach (1642-1703)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 56

The First Nowell

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Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**)
Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising; Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Chrismon Tree for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7,10a,11-12

Unison

Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the king's son.
 May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people
 and the hills in righteousness.
 May he defend the cause of the poor among the people,
 give deliverance to the needy and crush the oppressor.
 May he live while the sun endures,
 as long as the moon through all generations.
 May he be like the 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 the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute.
 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.

Anthem

Carol of the Star

Donald Moore, 2010

A star, a shining star, led wise men on their way to find that Bethl'em town where lay a holy babe.
 Venite adoremus Dominum. A star, a shining star, led wise men from afar to seek a tiny babe,
 surround Him with their love. A star a mighty star, did shine o'er all the earth to welcome him
 with joy, proclaim His wondrous birth. (--Based on a French carol.)

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 66 We Three Kings of Orient Are Three Kings of Orient
 The congregation sits.

Sermon

Getting Oriented

Mike Krech

“For we observed his star at its rising ...”

Matthew 2:2b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 69 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Wie Schon Leuchtet

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria in Excelsis Refrain of Hymn 23 Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Solo

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon, 1917

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night
 Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light
 The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced
 And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.
 O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
 Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
 that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its king of Love and Light
 Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell
 From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell

Karen Schlichte, soprano

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 63 As with Gladness Men of Old Dix

Postlude March of the Three Kings Traditional

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. Tonight we are concluding the Twelve
 Days of Christmas with a special worship service focusing on the Epiphany lessons of the arrival
 of the Wise Men, or Magi.