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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.
January 6, 2019
Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?" arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 56 The First Nowell The First Nowell

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 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.**

Hymn 34 In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born Discovery

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 bring their ringing collection and come to the Chrismon Tree for a
Time for 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 for the King

French Christmas Chanson

Mary came with meekness, Jesus Christ to bear, laid the Lord of glory in a manger there.

We come rejoicing, Jesus Christ to love, baby in a manger, King of heav'n above.

Angels came with praises Jesus Christ to name,

heaven's choirs exalting Him who bears our shame.

Shepherds came with trembling, Jesus Christ to see,

King who at their bidding would their shepherd be.

Wise men came with treasure, Jesus Christ to bless,

He who shares all blessings heav'n and earth possess.

(-- Paul Wigmore; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1995)

Amy Assad, percussion

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The congregation stands to sing

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

The congregation sits.

Sermon

Then It Dawned On Me

Mike Krech

“In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Ephesians 3:5-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 68 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

“Brightest and Best”

arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Hymn 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Recessional Hymn 63 As With Gladness Men of Old

Dix

Postlude

“We Three Kings”

arr. Steven Scott

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. Today we conclude the Christmas cycle with the Epiphany. January 6 may be the date of the most ancient observance of the Nativity. In the Western Church (Roman Catholic and Protestant) Epiphany focuses upon the arrival of the Magi or Wise Men, as recorded in Matthew 2, the significance of which – the welcoming of the Gentiles – is indicated in the epistle lesson from Ephesians 3. (JMK)