



ORDER FOR THE
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January 5, 2014
11:00 a.m.



The Liturgy of the Word

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

REFLECTION ON EPIPHANY

It was the very ordinary people, busy about very ordinary tasks,
whose eyes first saw the glory of the coming of the Lord.
What is the significance? It means, first, that the place of duty,
however humble, is the place of vision. And it means, second,
that it is those who have kept a child-like heart
to whom the gates of the Kingdom most readily open. *James Stewart*

ORGAN MEDITATION: "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" W.H. Bates
Lenora Morrow, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Concerto No. 5 in F Minor" J.S. Bach
Ginger Statom, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan G. Burns

♠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 226 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX
stanzas 1-4

♠ GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 Blanche P. Tosh

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea
in the days of Herod the king, behold,
wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

**"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."**

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him;
and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

**'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"**

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly
and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.
And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
"Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him,
bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

**After listening to the king, they went on their way.
And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them
until it came to rest over the place where the child was.**

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshiped him.

**Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.
And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed to their own country by another way.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIX

**In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Star in the East"arr. Vicky Courtney

Hail the blest morn. See the great Mediator
Down from the region of glory descend.
Shepherds, go worship the Babe in the manger.
Lo, for His guard the bright angels attend.

Cold on His cradle, the dewdrops are shining.
Low lied His bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining.
Wisemen and shepherds before Him do fall.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adoring,
Guide where our Infant Redeemer was laid.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Eden and off'ring Divine,
Gems from the mountains and pearls from the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEGREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, 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 DEDICATIONT. Barton Kimbro

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:21
(page 978 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

HOMILY *The Glory of Submission* Sanders L. Willson

The Liturgy of the Table

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.

✦ PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence 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.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,
as our selfishness clouds our vision and afflicts us all,
we ask Your forgiveness for the times
that we have questioned and rebelled against authority,
asserted ourselves, and insisted upon our own rights.
May Your Spirit fill us anew
so that we are graced with submissive hearts
that delight to glorify You and serve the interests and needs of others.
For we pray in the name of the One who laid aside His rights
and became a submissive servant for our salvation,
even Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has come to bring us light and life;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;
evermore praising You and saying:**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
 Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "What Child Is This" arr. Arron Powell

*What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.*

SHARING OF THE CUP

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Pinkston

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ CLOSING HYMN CWM RHONDDA

**See our Lord in all His glory, now arrayed in dazzling white!
See Him shine in holy splendor, bathed in everlasting light!
See the saints and angels gather, lifting high the Living Christ!
Lifting high the Living Christ!**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Praeludium in C Major" J. S. Bach

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.