

Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church

“Together Calling People to Christ”

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
The Second Sunday After Christmas
January 8, 2017
Morning Worship 11:00 AM



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Interlude

Carolyn McClane, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Marianne Sharp, Worship Leader

Ringling of the Chimes

The sounding of the chimes, representing God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through this time of silent reflection and meditation.

Prelude

arr. Wilbur Held

“The Three Kings”
From “A Nativity Suite”

Bringing of the Light

Conner Rollins, acolyte
Todd Greene, crucifer

***Introit**

Choir and Congregation

REFRAIN

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord. A - MEN.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The score is divided into two systems. The first system is labeled 'REFRAIN' and contains the lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord. A - MEN.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and arpeggiated figures in both hands.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Call to Worship

One: There's the star in the sky.

All: We follow the light.

One: There's the light of the world.

All: We follow the light.

One: We are called to light the world ourselves.

All: We shine in the darkness, and live with the consequences of illumination.

One: The dayspring from on high breaks upon us.

All: Joy comes with the morning. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 181

Dix

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Christians, what do we believe as Cumberland Presbyterians?

All: We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended to the grave. The third day He arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, where He shall sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where He shall judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the everlasting life.

Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Greatorex



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(In Unison)

Our Father which 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.

Musical Response No. 821

(Choir & Congregation)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

OUR WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offertory

“What Child Is This?”

arr. N. Johnson

*The Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S WORD

Anthem

arr. Russell Mauldin

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

O beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shining afar through shadows dim,
giving a light for those who long have gone.
And guiding the wise men on their way unto the place where Jesus lay,
beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on.

O beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine upon us until the glory dawn.
O give us thy light to light the way into the land of perfect day.
Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shine on.

O beautiful Star, the hope of light, guiding the pilgrims through the night
over the mountain till the break of dawn, and into the light of perfect day,
it will give out a lovely ray. Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

O beautiful Star, the hope of rest for the redeemed, the good and blest,
yonder in glory when the crown is won, for Jesus is now that Star divine,
brighter and brighter He will shine. Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

Children's Message

Marianne Sharp

***Hymn of the Word No. 185**

Kings of Orient

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

The Reading Of The Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

“The Light Has Come”

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Psalm

72:1-7, 10-14

“Kings Pay Homage”

RESPONSE (*Choir & Congregation*)

Refrain

come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King!

- ¹ Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
- ² May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
- ³ May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

RESPONSE

- ⁸ May he rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ May the desert tribes bow before him
and his enemies lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.
- May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.

RESPONSE

- ¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.
- ¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
- ¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

RESPONSE

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

“Righteousness Comes Through Faith”

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

***Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

"The Homage From The East"

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they

bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Homily

Richard Snowden, Lay Minister

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Text: “...we have come to worship him.” (vs. 2b)

Wisdom Brings Discernment

Information and Knowledge Comes from Knowing Scripture

Situational Analysis and Understanding Helps in Practical Application

Empowerment and Enablement is God’s Part Through Faith and The Holy Spirit

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn No. 150**

Greensleeves

“What Child Is This?”

***Benediction**

***Taking The Light Into The World**

***Postlude**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

Morning Star

*Congregation will please stand if able

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In order to meet the projected General Fund Budget for 2016, (\$103,645.00) we need a weekly offering of \$1,993.17.

**January 1, 2017
New Year's Day**

Sunday School Attendance-----18	Sunday School Offering-----\$7.00
Morning Worship Attendance-59	Morning Worship Offering----\$1345.00
	Building Fund Offering-----\$135.00
	Benevolence Offering-----\$100.00
	Food Pantry Offering-----\$223.00
	Total Offering-----\$1810.00

Thanks for donations given to the building fund *in memory of T. L. Shockley* by DeAlva Gratz Jones; *in memory of Nina Lily* by Norma Stanbery; *in memory of Kathy Belisle* by Norma Stanbery.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 1/09 Haley Belisle
- 1/09 David Saunders
- 1/09 John Spain

Elders

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jim Rolan	Lonnie Knight	Richard Snowden
Jeanie Saunders	Terry Sanders	Allen Williamson

Deacons

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2020
Larry Knoll	Ron Saunders	Peggy Long

JANUARY

- Elder of the Month**.....Richard Snowden
- Deacon of the Month**.....Peggy Long
- Greeters of the Month**.....Larry & Gale Knoll

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Today Jan. 8	10:00am	Sunday School (for all ages)
	11:00am	Morning Worship, The Epiphany of the Lord
	3:00pm	Presbytery of East Tennessee Choir Rehearsal
	5:00pm	Session Meeting
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Tues. Jan. 10	6:00pm	CPWM meeting
Wed. Jan. 11	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:45pm	Bible Study
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 15	10:00am	Sunday School (for all ages)
	11:00am	Morning Worship
	3:00pm	Presbytery of East Tennessee Choir Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Bible Study
Tues. Jan. 17	7:00pm	Worship at LifeCare in Jefferson City
Wed. Jan. 18	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:45pm	Bible Study
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal

Denomination Day Celebration

Come join the 207th Denomination Day Celebration on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:30pm at the Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Denomination Service will be a musical service featuring Music of the Church. The Presbyterial Choir we be participating, along with several other church choirs and soloists of the presbytery.

For those who are interested in joining the Presbyterial Choir, meet at the Talbott CP Church on Sunday, January 8th and January 15th at 3:00pm for rehearsals.

After the Denomination Day Celebration on the 29th there will be a meal provided for a donation. Please make reservations no later than Monday, January 23rd by contacting the Knoxville First Church at 865-588-8581 or by emailing FirstCPC@KFCPC.comcastbiz.net.

