

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Epiphany of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

January 5, 2020

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*Prelude*

*Ringing the Worship Hour*

*As the bell sounds, let us prepare for worship in silence.*

*Welcome*

*Centering Prayer*

*Jesus Christ, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south so that all people may see and be radiant. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence that as we pay homage to you, our Lord, may all be gathered in and bask in the welcome, and in the light, through the name of Jesus we as it. Amen*

**ADORATION**

*\*Call to Worship*

Isaiah 60:1-2, 4

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.**

**All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**With our gifts and with our very selves let us worship God!**

*\*Hymn 152*

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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**CONFESSION**

*Call to Confession*

We confess our sins to God, to whom we have access through faith in Jesus Christ. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God's grace.

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray for hiding in the darkness of this world. Judge us with mercy, and extend your grace to us. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*\*Response 113 (1)*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

♪ **Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo!**

♪ **Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo!**

\* The congregation may stand.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PROCLAMATION**

***A Time for Young Disciples***

*Children are invited to gather on the front pew. Following the message, children 3-years old through second grade are invited to attend Children's Worship, or may remain in the sanctuary with their families.*

***Prayer for Illumination***

***Scripture Readings***

Isaiah 60:1-6

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Psalms 72:1-7

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Matthew 2:1-12

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The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Sermon***

“Stargazers”

Rev. Ruth Everhart

**RESPONSE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

John 1:1-5

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

***Community Life***

The Year of the Bible

***Offering***

***Offertory***

**\*Hymn 143 (4)**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

♪ **All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

**Hymn 113, Refrain**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

♪ **Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo!**

♪ **Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo!**

*Prayer Continues...*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Hymn 145, Stanza 1**

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

♪ 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!

**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.**

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*The ushers will invite you to receive communion by intinction. We begin from the rear of the sanctuary. Please come forward by the center aisles, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and return by the outside aisles. Gluten free wafers are available from the server.*

**Music During Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**You have sent us the light and peace of your presence, O God, through this meal. Send us now that we might bear the light of love and so bring companionship and hope by your grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can quench, Amen.**

**\*Hymn 151**

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

We celebrate these birthdays this week: January 6 - Emily Woodside, Fred Newton; January 8 – Tom Andrew, Meili Sohl; January 9 – Amanda Lee; January 10 – Caroline Beardall; January 11 – John Norvell, Victoria Kline, Jenny Robertson.

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces; Ruth Andrew, mother of Tom Andrew; Erich Baumgartner, husband of Nancy Tietjen; Theresa Coughlin and Joanna Coughlin, friends of Beth Sherfy; Mike Cronin; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Atef Griess, brother of Magda Shalaby; Kenny Kent; Velma Killion; Gloria Leber; Mary Ling; Olivia Mabeus and Karen Ruan; Rosalie Mamalian, mother of Paul Mamalian; Nettie Propps; Millie Rowan; Marilyn Shankland; Nancy Tietjen*

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at [emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org) or call Jeanne in the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.