

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**January 2, 2022  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
10:00am**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”  
“Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child”  
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
“Good King Wenceslas”  
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
“Deck the Hall”  
“The First Nowell”  
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHIMES**

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

**PRELUDE**

*“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”* (Bach)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 60:1–3

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
**Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #123**

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* (Willis)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ’s nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity: God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the

promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. **Amen.**

### **READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Isaiah 60:1–6

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Ephesians 3:1–12

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels, if you are able)

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 2:1–12

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN #151**

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”* (Hopkins)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed* (381 AD)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

