
2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2021

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Russell, Liturgist

One: A star shining brightly in the East,

All: discovered by those who have eyes to see the unusual and the challenging.

One: A journey into unknown territory,

All: taken by those who have courage and curiosity.

One: The Holy One recognized, despite humble origin,

All: the glory of the gifts, given to God's Chosen Child.

*HYMN #56 "The First Nowell"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Liturgist

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. We now confess our need of grace.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

King Herod was frightened and threatened by the birth of the Christ child. All of Jerusalem was frightened with him. We all act out of fear, sometimes, in our lives. We can be afraid of losing power, identity, privilege, things we value. Fear drives us away from God.

SILENT REFLECTION

Forgive us, O God, and teach us to suppress our fears and to act out of love and light.

Sing with us, O God, at this feast where life is broken and the cup is shared. Give us a melody for hope and wonder. Overwhelm us with joy.

Come, O God, into these ordinary blessings to remind us of the amazing possibility that grace and abundance do not require wisdom or determination but only a readiness to find joy, especially as we share our joys and concerns.

Come, Radiant One, feed us with your signs and wonders, even as we pray as Jesus taught us, **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 BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received from your hand, O God, bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and wine to gladden our spirits. May these signs of Christ's presence fill our lives with such gratitude that we are impelled to spread the joy wherever we go. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

With gratitude and praise we offer ourselves, with our talents and treasure, to God who has given us life.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth) *HYMN #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

As the magi brought gold, so we bring these gifts. As the magi brought frankincense, so we bring our prayers. As the magi brought myrrh, so we bring our lives to you, O God. Amen.

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*CLOSING HYMN #411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- Music & Worship Committee: Mon., Jan. 3, 1 pm in the Media Center
- Annual Reports are due to the church office Fri., Jan. 6
- Next Sunday, Jan. 9, will be the Installation of the Elders and Deacons

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

January 2, 2022

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Ethan Derr, US Marines; Pat Dickman; Barry Bullis
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Marion Sleight;

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has brought us again to this place, where we can leave behind our confessions. For these gifts of confession, God says, "Thanks. Thanks for your honesty, your trust, your faith, your love."

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "*Gloria Patri*" *HYMN #579

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

SERMON "How Do We See the Star?"

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION

With weeping we have come needing comfort and assurance that there is reason to praise.

We come to feast on awe and wonder.

There will be gladness for all our sorrow at this table where goodness is poured out over the grain, the wine, and the oil.

Here we shall eat and drink and be merry.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, Radiant One, who leads us away from tyrants and authorities grabbing for their own power and might with signs and wonders. Lead us to this feast with all of the gladness of Queen Esther and all of the wonder experienced in Cana. Nourish us with the radiance of possibility. Search with us for signs and wonders that challenge what we have seen and heard because we are not sure that anything has changed.

Invite us to this feast again, O God, where we might allow ourselves to stop overthinking and overanalyzing long enough to be present. To be fully here where we can taste goodness and mercy and feel love flow like song.