

**Offertory**

*Epiphany Carol*

arr. by R.G. Huff

*Come, all who seek the newborn King  
To bow in humble rev'rence.  
Approach the Child, your gifts now bring --  
Your gold and myrrh and incense.  
As Magi from the east once came,  
All thoughtful ones should do the same.  
O worship him! O worship him!  
Present a worthy off'ring.*

*This season of Epiphany,  
These days that follow Christmas  
We make it clear for all to see  
How wonderful is Jesus.  
We speak his value, sing his worth,  
This holy Babe of recent birth.  
This Child of God, this Prince of Peace,  
This One who comes to save us*

*From sin and strife, from hate and pride,  
From ev'ry ill that binds us.  
This Infant sets his crown aside  
To show us heaven's kindness.  
With hope for all that lies ahead,  
The season's joy replaces dread.  
And at the end, this truth remains:  
The love of Christ defines us.*

**++ Doxology 607[GTG] Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**++HYMN 151[GTG] We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**++BENEDICTION**

**++BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS 306[GTG]**  
*(Please join hands while the entire congregation sings)*  
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**++POSTLUDE**

Please join us in Litten Hall (downstairs) for a time of fellowship after the worship service, Fair Trade coffee and tea are served to enjoy and also are sold for your take-home pleasure!

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 5, 2020 10:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn your cell phone off.*

*Please fill out a Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Geoff Blair

Leader: From distant lands and faraway shores, God calls us together.

**People: Like a shepherd tending his flock, God gathers us in.**

Leader: Along straight paths and cleared byways, God guides our journey.

**People: Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand, God leads us home.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

**People: Let us sing aloud with gladness. Let us worship the Lord!**

**++HYMN 152[GTG] *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright***

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you call us to testify to the light of Christ, which enlightens everyone, but we hide in the shadows and shrink from bearing witness to the light. Yet, even now, you dwell among us, full of grace and truth. Empower us to embody your love and embrace your hope. Long after the wreaths and ribbons are packed away, remind us that your light still pierces the darkness. Sustain our joy, surround us with peace, and inspire us to bear witness to your abundant grace and enduring truth... (silent prayer)**

The Word of God's Grace

**++ Response to the Good News 583[GTG] *Glory to God***

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!***

***Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

## ++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Share the passing of the peace with those near you.*

***Be still and know that I am God (sung three times)***

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 147:12–20

pg. 582, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* from *Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach**

*Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning.*

*You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.*

*This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,*

*The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1–18

pg. 91, NT

## SERMON

*Power to Become Children of God*

**++HYMN 435[GTG] *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

see insert

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

***Please fill out a Communication card and put it in the offering plate every week***

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

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### The Mystery of Faith (**unison**)

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

### Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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.**

Choral Amen

*Amen*

Pastor: Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

**People: Now we give ourselves for others.**

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

**People: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Communion / Deacon offering received  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
Undecorate the church  
11:30 p.m. Finance Committee - Library  
1:30 p.m. Bagpiper rehearsal – Litten Hall

### Monday, January 6

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library  
12:30 p.m. Revitalizing Congregations meeting- Library  
3:00 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting - Library  
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:45 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 7

12:10 p.m. Yoga  
5:30 p.m. Adult Forum Committee – Library  
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:30 p.m. Bagpiper's rehearsal - Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal -Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Book Group – Parlor

### Wednesday, January 8

10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library  
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal - Choir room  
Noon Boomers and Beyond Lunch- Parlor  
2:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee meeting - Library  
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club meeting – Litten Hall  
6:00 p.m. Yoga  
7:00 p.m. Session/Deacons joint meeting

### Thursday, January 9

11:00 a.m.-1 NWI Bread Distribution- Kitchen  
1:00 p.m. Tender Loving Care luncheon group – Claddagh Irish Pub  
5:30 p.m. Yoga  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Friday, January 10

Noon Women's Bible Study - Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Yoga

### Saturday, January 11

### Sunday, January 12 Install/Ordain new officers

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room  
Leadership training - Parlor

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Geoff Blair
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Videographer	Russ Jenks
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Welcoming you at the entrance:

Chapel: Barb Amundsen

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jerry Bockes (Eaton County Health and Rehab)  
Peg Whitman (Grandhaven Living Center)  
Daisy DeHaven (Rosewood AFC in DeWitt)  
Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
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Betty Bailey (Grandhaven Living Center)

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED** to Aaron, Will and Kaedyn Bales on the death of wife and mother, Liz Bales, on December 27. A service was held at FPC on January 4. Also, to Richard Wampler on the death of Karen on January 2 in Sydney, Australia. Details regarding a service to come.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$45. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Tracy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEACONS' FUND** It is tradition at First Presbyterian to combine our celebration of Communion with a special offering to the Deacons' Fund, or a designated offering to the Deacons' Food Pantry. Both of these offerings depend entirely on the congregation's support, with the occasional fundraiser. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY to the Deacons' offering on each Communion Sunday

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2020** are available on the credenza at the back of the chapel.

**CHURCH UN-DECORATING** will be after the Worship Service TODAY. Please join in to help! Membership Committee will serve a light lunch to all participants. It's particularly helpful if you help put away any decorations that you put up, noting any repairs or replacements that are needed. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY NEWS FOR JANUARY** It's been proposed that since there are two lessons remaining in our current material, we might as well continue on after the holidays. That means we will meet on January 10 and 24 (Fridays, at noon), providing the weather is cooperative. If we're having a blizzard, we won't meet that week!

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Glen Erin Pipe Band again welcomes everyone to its annual Robert Burns Celebration, Saturday, January 25. It's an evening of Scottish culture with dinner, music, dancing, and raffle prizes, and featuring the Lansing Glen Erin Pipe Band. Tickets are \$45. Contact Bill Collins for tickets and First Pres table reservations: 517-230-2506 or email [bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com)

## ADULT FORUM 2020

(11:15-12:15 Adult Ed Room downstairs)

All are welcome to join in discussion of significant and timely topics in the Adult Ed Room (downstairs) 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
(Childcare is available through this time.)

### January 5 – Un-decorating Day – TODAY

Come help put decorations away and stay for a light lunch.  
Many hands make light work!  
(No Adult Forum)

### January 12

**Join our Director of Music/Music Minister, Megan Higle, as she explores the Service for the Lord's Day as put forth by the PCUSA.**

*Christians meet for worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We hear the good news of the gospel and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We go forth to glorify God through the service of daily living. The Service for the Lord's Day is a service of Word and Sacrament. Together they form a unified liturgy; one is incomplete without the other. (from Glory to God)*

### January 19

#### Vital Congregations initiative

Our Lake Michigan Presbytery is part of this new PC(USA) initiative, and our congregation will be a participant. This is from the VCI website: "The purpose of the Revitalization Initiative is to work alongside leaders of existing congregations, continually assessing, discerning, and living into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that their own lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout particular communities and the world." Learn more from our congregational representatives: Pam Blair, Sallie Campbell, and Rev. Jenkins!

### January 26

#### STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH: HEALTHY SOIL

**Vicki Morrone, MSU academic specialist**

**Vicki Morrone** is an organic field crop and vegetable outreach specialist with MSU's Department of Community Sustainability in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As part of her work, Vicki assists farmers and educators on all aspects of organic production, including how to build healthy soil. She has served farmers across the globe, from Africa to Central California, Pennsylvania and Michigan. We are pleased Ms. Morrone can join us just as we are planning our community garden.