

*Epiphany of the Lord*  
January 3, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" Sewell

The Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

**And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**

Nations shall come to this light,

**and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**

Bless the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

Where is the child who has been born a king?

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

Go to Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.

From Judah shall come the ruler who is to shepherd the people Israel.

Lift up your eyes and look around! Look and be radiant—let your hearts thrill and rejoice!

**Now the glory of the Lord has risen. Arise, shine! Our light has come.**

\* HYMN "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" 411

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

*God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*SILENT CONFESSION*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

The Word

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-6

*Good news of the return of the oppressed to Zion.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Sweet Little Child" Choir

READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

*The pilgrimage of the Wise Men to Bethlehem.*

This is the Gospel of the Light of the World.

**Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON Reverend Georgia N. King

HYMN "What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright" 68

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

\*HYMN "The First Noel" 56

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING RESPONSE "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! Joy to the world! Joy to the world! the Lord is come.

\*POSTLUDE "Festal March" Handel

\* Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

The New Flower Chart & Cookie Sign-up Sheet for 2010 has been placed on the volunteer's desk.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Julia Kasch in honor of Patty's birthday.

Helping Hand contribution for the month of January is toilet paper, paper towels or paper plates.

Julia Kasch provided the cookies for the congregation.

Birthdays: January 4<sup>th</sup> Hazel Howard  
January 5<sup>th</sup> Patty Kasch

Anniversaries: January 3<sup>rd</sup> Carroll & Rosa Pace

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor

Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 3      9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Social Hall  
10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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