

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wappingers Falls, New York

January 9, 2022 – Epiphany C

**Sunday Worship on Zoom:** To access Sunday worship on Zoom, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004448057?pwd=UUh4aWV6ZUxFY3A4eDgzTWw5U0V2UT09>

To call in by phone: (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 820 0444 8057

Passcode: 155613

If you need assistance accessing our virtual worship services, please contact the office.

**GATHERING**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,

who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising:

Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations;

through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ, your Son and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

#### 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 pour out the gifts of your Spirit,

that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING of the PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*(Please share with one another a gesture, offering peace from your seat.)*

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Glory be to God, creator, redeemer and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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**HEARING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh — good news of great joy for all — so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON                      Matthew 2:1–12

HYMN #                                Lullay, Lullay (Coventry Carol)

GOSPEL LESSON                  Matthew 2:13–23

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

SERMON                                *The Three Kings*

TIME FOR REFLECTION

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES  
3:8–15

2 Peter

Giver of wonder, when we think our resources are scarce, you bless us,  
so that others might be filled, so that prayers might be answered,  
so that hope might be shared, so your reign might come for all.

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord. Amen.

Doxology (please sing these words)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the whole world.

God of light and love, hear of prayers.

God of gold, we seek your glory; the richness that transforms our drabness into color,

and brightens our dullness with vibrant light; your wonder and joy at the heart of all life.

God of incense, we offer you our prayer; our unspoken and unbearable longings; our questioning of truth; our searching for your mystery deep within.

God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering; the pain of all our rejections and bereavements;

our baffled despair at undeserved suffering; our rage at continuing injustice.

God-with-us, we embrace you, in our anger and loss, in our wealth, and in our yearning.

Help us to bear witness to your light, so that all may believe and have life in you.  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN #68      What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The loving kindness of the Lord our God,  
3:4-7

Titus

the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior,

and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia!

Go and tell this good news of great joy: to us a Savior is born. Amen. Luke  
2:10–11

## POSTLUDE

*Please call or email the church office with your prayer or pastoral care requests.*

Please hold in your prayers:

For healing and comfort:

Ø Claire, Luke, Jonathon, Megan, Lionel, Maximo, Greg, Jessica, John and all who have Covid.

Ø For the students at Oxford High School who died this week. Prayers of comfort for their families and loved ones.

Ø For the family of Johey Crawford, who was murdered protecting her granddaughter

Ø For school staff, health care workers and others who are stressed and stretched by Covid

Ø Hope and healing for Jay and her family as she continues her battle with cancer.

Ø For a friend struggling with depression.

Ø For Leslie & Katie as they manage major life transitions

Ø For families to support each other while in quarantine.

Ø For healing peace and comfort to all who suffer this night in body, mind or soul.

Ø For Jonathan's shoulder injury.

Ø For a friend awaiting biopsy results.

Ø For strength of heart, mind & spirit as we continue under the enormous stress caused by the pandemic.

Ø For the lonely and the grieving; may they be gifted with companionship and love.

Ø For congress as they mark the anniversary of 1/6/21

For the deceased: .

Ø For the 800,000+ Americans who have died from COVID.

Ø Eileen McDonald Sassman. Prayers of comfort for their families and loved ones as they navigate their grief during this holiday season.

For all of the prayers we have in our minds and in our hearts.

## Announcements

**Sunday Worship:** Given the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Session will make decisions about in-person or virtual worship weekly. Please watch your email for each week's announcement while this surge impacts us. Please see the [Dutchess County Covid Dashboard](#) for daily statistical updates for our area.

**Free Community Dinner:** We have returned to a once/month schedule. Our next To-go meal will be offered on January 15, 2022 4-5:30 PM pick up. Please contact the office to reserve yours.

**The Twice Blessed Thrift Shop:** will be open form 9 AM – 1 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

**FEMA:** FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE is offered for those who incurred Covid-19 related funeral expensed with funding for eligible costs. See [FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#) , call 1-844-684-6333 or visit website at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance> for more information.

**Pastoral Care:**

If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office (845)297-2800 or Pastor Margery (914)539-5323. Pastoral care will be offered by appointment only.

Please let us know how else we can support your spiritual needs.

**Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves:**

*Thank you for continuing to honor your pledges during this time. Whether you bring it to worship, send a check to the church office by mail or make your contribution using online banking, it is important that we maintain our ability to pay our bills as we continue to navigate this disruptive time as a church community. Thank you for your generosity!*

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