

*Parish Presbyterian Church*



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

*Epiphany Sunday*

*04 January 2009*

## Quotes for Reflection

“Epiphany not only ends Christmas, it also fulfills it by celebrating the revelation of the Christ to the whole world.”  
—C.S. Lewis

“Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus remains.”  
—C.H. Spurgeon

The King of Glory sends his Son To make his entrance on this earth;  
Behold the midnight bright as noon, And heavenly hosts declare his birth.

About the young Redeemer's head What wonders and what glories meet!  
An unknown star arose, and led The eastern sages to his feet.

Simeon and Anna both conspire The infant-Saviour to proclaim;  
Inward they felt the sacred fire, And blessed the babe, and owned his name.

Let Jews and Greeks blaspheme aloud, And treat the holy child with scorn;  
Our souls adore the eternal God Who condescended to be born.

—Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.*

### Prelude—Holy (Shepherd of My Heart)

### Introit—Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the  
morn - ing our song shall rise to thee; ho-ly, ho-ly ho - ly!  
mer - ci-ful and might - y! God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

### Call to Worship—Isaiah 49:8-13

**Pastor:** Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**All:** For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Reader 1: Thus says the Lord, "In the time of favor I have answered you;  
in the day of salvation I have helped you;  
I will keep you and make covenant with this people.  
Reader 2: Again, the Lord will say to the prisoners, "Come out;"  
to those who are in darkness, "Appear;" and to the hungry, "Be filled."  
They shall not hunger or thirst.  
Pastor: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth!  
All: For the Lord has comforted His people

## Hymn of Praise—Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; nought be all  
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
Be thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
Rich es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
her - i - tance now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: *Rob to mo bhoile, a Comdi cride*, Ancient Irish Poem, 8<sup>th</sup> century, trans Mary Byrne, 1880-1931;  
Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

*The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.*

### Psalter Reading—Psalm 111:1-10

Elder: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All: **Praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Elder: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

All: **His wondrous works we will remember; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**

Elder: He has shown His people the power of His works;

All: **The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;**

Elder: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: **He has established His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**

Elder: His praise endures forever!

### Hymn of Praise—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry love the best;

roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.  
how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, changeth nev - er, nev - er - more;  
'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;  
how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number 3) in both the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

lead-ing on-ward, lead-ing home-ward, to thy glo-ri-ous rest a-bove.  
 how for them he in-ter-ced-eth, watch-eth o'er them from the throne.  
 and it lifts me up to glo-ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890.

### Hymn of Promise—Isaiah 43

When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, And the waves will  
 When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned. And the flames will  
 not ov-er-come you. Do not fear. For I have re-deemed you. I have called you by  
 not con-sume you. Do not fear. For I have re-deemed you. I have called you by  
 name, you are mine. For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your  
 name, you are mine. For I am the Lord your God,  
 I am the Ho-ly one of Is-ra-el, Your Sav-ior.  
 God, I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, Your Sav-ior. For I am the Lord your  
 I am the Lord your God, I am the Ho-ly one of Is-ra-el, Your Sav-ior.  
 God, I am the Lord your God, I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, Your Sav-ior.  
 ior. Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear.  
 ior. I am the Lord. I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 43, Anonymous; Music: ANONYMOUS.

## The Reading of the Word—Luke 2:22-38

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;  
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Angels We Have Heard on High

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Angels We Have Heard on High'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Traditional French Carol. Music: Traditional French Melody.

## Sermon—The Light Has Come

—George Grant, Pastor

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

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*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Corporate Confession of Sin—Romans 7: 14-25

Pastor: Lord we come confessing, for we know that the Law is spiritual,  
but we have lived according to the flesh, as those sold under sin.  
We do not even understand our own actions.

All: For we do not do what we want, but we do the very things we hate.

Pastor: We know that nothing good dwells in us, that is, in our flesh.

All: For we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.  
Though we delight in the Law of God, in our inner beings,  
we see in our members another law waging war against the law of our minds,  
making us captives to the law of sin that dwells in us.

Pastor: Wretched man that I am! Wretched men and women that we all are!  
Who will deliver us from these bodies of sin and death?

All: Thanks be to God for the appearance of Jesus Christ our Lord!  
He, and He alone, can deliver us.

### Assurance of Pardon—Romans 1:16-17

The hope of Christ has been revealed. Therefore, we are not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the very righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

### Sung Response—Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted, Vs 1

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song 'Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted, Vs 1'. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, Bowed with fruit - less sor - row down;  
By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, Through the cross be - hold the  
crown; Look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.

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## GOD BESTOWS ON AND TO HIS PEOPLE THE HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

### Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit;

The one holy Church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Sursum Corda

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Elder: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

*Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread and dip it either in the cup of wine or grape juice. Elders and their wives are available for prayer in the front after communion.*

### Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus



1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -



- ing when I rise give me Je - - - - sus.



Chorus  
Give me Je - - - - sus, give me Je - - - - sus. You can



have all this world, but give me Je - - - - sus.



2.And when I am a-lone, oh, and when I am a-lone, and  
 3.And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and

when I am a-lone give me Je - - - sus.  
 when I come to die give me Je - - - sus.

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

### Hymn of Reflection—Glorious Christ

O Glo - ri - ous Christ such an ex - cel - lent friend. May all our af -  
 O Glo - ri - ous Christ how could we ev - er find The ex - tent of the

fect - ions be lav - ished on Him. May our hearts be con - sumed with this love as we  
 won - der of One so di - vine Such a glo - ri - ous task can't be fin - ished in

bring Sweet pure ad - mi - ra - tion and praise with - out end. And  
 time It would take us for - ev - er to know Your ho - ly mind. Lord

Lord You're the One who said, "Let there be light," And lit our hearts so that  
 we're ov - er - whelmed by Your in - fi - nite might, But a - mazed at the

we'd know this Glo - ri - ous Christ: Our Glo - ri - ous Christ.  
 love of our Glo - ri - ous Christ: Our Glo - ri - ous Christ.

Text and Music: Tim Coyle, © Tim Coyle

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.

## Hymn of Epiphany—The First Noel

*Although usually associated with Christmas, this carol is really a hymn for Epiphany as the lyrics tell the story of the Wise Men as they bring their gifts to the Christ Child.*

The first Noel the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor  
 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the  
 And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men  
 This star drew nigh to the north-west, Ov - er Beth - le -  
 Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full rev - erent

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their  
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great  
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a King was their in -  
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and  
 ly up - on the knee, And of - fered there, in His pre -

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -  
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 stay, Right ov - er the place where Je - sus lay.  
 sence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction

#### Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The  
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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### Announcements

#### Epiphany

The celebration of Epiphany is the culmination of what is traditionally called the Twelve Days of Christmas. The word literally means “revelation” or “sudden unveiling” or “manifestation.”

The day, which historically has been celebrated with as much joy as Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, commemorates the day when wise men from the East were conducted by a miraculous star to the nativity in Bethlehem. The Magi were thus the first to comprehend that Jesus was not merely the prophetic fulfillment of Jewish aspirations since the beginning of time. Instead, He was the hope of the world, the light of the world, and the joy of every man’s desiring. They beheld the very glory of God that day—for in the city of David, the Savior was born.

As a result, Epiphany is the celebration of the ultimate proclamation of good news. Good news, indeed.

# Resources for Family Worship

The following Scripture readings and resources are presented here to help prepare your hearts and the hearts of your children for worship throughout the week and for next Sunday.

## Epiphany Readings:

**Sunday, January 4—Matthew 2:1-8**

The wise men come from the East and meet with Herod.

**Monday, January 5—Matthew 2:9-23 (Twelfth Night)**

The wise men present gifts to the Christ child and are warned of Herod's plot.

**Tuesday, January 6—Isaiah 49:1-17 (Epiphany)**

The gift of the Savior is for all peoples.

## Westminster Confession: Chapter XIV

**I.** The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

**II.** By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

**III.** This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

**Next Sunday:** Bing Davis will serve us in opening the Word of Truth

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#### Service Times

First Service: 8:15-9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:35-10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time: 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Second Service: 10:45-12:00 p.m.

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