



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship January 10, 2021 10:00am
3rd Sunday After Christmas

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(video)*

God of grace,

We open our hearts, minds and souls to worship you today.

Thank you that we dwell in your kingdom and live in your presence.

Thank you that as we gather together, we join with all Christians across the world to glorify your holy name.

Come be with us, inspire us and lead us in our time together.

We ask all this in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen.

SINGING

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

A TIME WITH STEWART

EPIPHANY PRAYER *(spoken together)*

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. We confess that we struggle to hear your word. We are afraid of the cost of following your word. The Word challenges us to let go of our proud opinions, short sightedness, and pompous wisdom. The Word calls us to repent of our sin and our apathy. The Word calls us to follow the light of love, just as the wise men followed the star that led to

the Christ child. Forgive us when we do not have ears to hear your word and eyes to see your light. Guide us to follow where you lead. Fill all creation with your word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

MUSIC

“Light of the World”

Daigle/Duncan/Mabury

Praise Team

Equipping

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1–12

(CEB)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah (Light Has Come)”

Barlowgirl

SERMON

“Words To Ponder”

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC

“Hallelujah”
Praise Team

L. Cohen/Arr. Cloverton

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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