

**First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, TN
January 10, 2021
Epiphany Observed
Facebook Live Worship Bulletin**

Prelude: "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"
by Flor Peeters

Welcome & Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship (from Psalm 72)

*Give the king your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to a king's son.*

**May he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

*May the mountains yield prosperity for the
people, and the hills, in righteousness.*

**May he defend the cause of the poor of
the people, give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

Hymn #152: "What Star Is This, with Beams
So Bright"

**What star is this with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand,
to read in heav'n the Lord's command.**

While outward signs the star displays,

**an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of creation and re-creation, we
confess that we are often forgetful of and
inattentive to your creative power at work
among us daily. Focused on our own
concept of re-creation, we fail to recognize
the many ways you bring newness to our
daily lives. In the gentleness of your grace,
open our eyes, ears, and hearts, that we
might see, hear, and feel your re-creative
power at work, through Jesus Christ the
resurrected one. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Rising Star"

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
by Fisher Boyce

Prayers of Petition and Intercession

Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Eat, Drink, and Remember

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Charge & Benediction “Parting Union”
words and music by Todd Jenkins

**O, God of heaven,
earth and oceans deep,
bless all virtual gatherers,
so that we may keep
our spirits all connected
in these distanced days,
always united by your grace.**

Postlude “Let All Together Praise Our God”
by J. S. Bach