



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

January 3, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

2nd Sunday of Christmas

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Prelude on the Introit of Epiphany Durufle

WORDS OF WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Creator, Omnipotent God, here we stand at the beginning of a new year, a year that can be filled with all kinds of possibilities and promise. Father, we pray that you will let us walk into the new year with you.

R: If we are with you, our difficulties might become possibilities. With you, uncertainties might offer the promise of safety. Lord, we're here to seek you, to praise you, to be reminded of our heritage. So, we are grateful that you came, that you are present and that you sent your Spirit to guide our way. In your name, we pray. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (See text following.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God visited earth in the form of his Son.

R: The holy brilliance of God was too great for our human eyes

L: so God formed a cuddly baby who grew in God's likeness.

R: He was God-in-the-flesh, Emmanuel!

L: The same Son of God comes to us this day through his Spirit.

R: We welcome the Spirit of the Christ Child! Let us worship God!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God has caused light to shine in our hearts. To all who receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God. Thanks be to God—when we confess, we are forgiven!

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we confess that in the busyness of this holy time, we often failed to meet you.

R: We acknowledge that we were so scattered and spent so much time doing, we missed *being* with you. We celebrated the holiday instead of the holy day.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, we missed the train to Bethlehem.

R: And yet, despite our wanderings, you came to us still, giving us gifts of bread and wine and the opportunity to begin again. Thank you for your forgiveness. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and grants us mercy and grace. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

R: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

Go in a New Direction

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RESPONDING IN FAITH

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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***DOXOLOGY**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Closing Prayer

***HYMN** What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright (See text following.)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Pachelbel

LITURGIST—Connie Huntington

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Matthew 2:1-12

2In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Joan Knowland, Susan Ohlendorf, Beth Orrill, Desna Ratcliff, Alicia Ricketts, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

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Family and Friends: Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly, Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), James Lutes, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Bob Rouse, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriete Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

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MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of January 3

Larry and Pam Newhouse

Nathaniel and Stacy Adams

Alexander, Ashtyn,

Nathaniel Harrison and Bryson

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship.

As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family,

we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community.

As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

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