

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White

January 7, 2024

11:00am Worship

Epiphany/Holy Communion/Elder Ordination & Installation

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

On December Five and Twenty

arr., Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Break Forth O Beauteous Light

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

A star has risen in the east.

Star of wonder, star of night!

A child is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing!

Let us follow the star to Bethlehem

and bring our gifts to the newborn Christ.

*HYMN 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Light of the world,

you deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry.

You heal the wounded and save the oppressed,

but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.

Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance

that we may shine with the light of your saving grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2: 1-12

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3: 1-12

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

-Sentences of Scripture

-Statement of Ordination

-Profession of Faith, including the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

-Constitutional Questions (see insert)

-Prayer of Ordination and Installation—

Those being ordained may kneel, facing the congregation. All who have served as elders or ministers in the Presbyterian Church are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands as a sign of blessing. Note that the laying on of hands is not repeated at the installation of one who has been previously ordained.

–Declaration of Ordination and Installation

–Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed

OFFERING

Rise Shepherd and Follow

arr., Robert Vandall

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER, including CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh

arr., John Carter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 748

“Go With Us, Lord”

TALLIS' CANNON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr., Mark Kellner

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