

Traditional Worship

January 7, 2024
8:45 am



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday



Worship Notes

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meaningful & understandable*

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"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

This new year, let's choose *not* to make worship a commodity. Let's choose to respond to Christ's grace and love on the cross by being faithful to, as our membership vow states, to "promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability."

Why the Christian Calendar? Not every church follows the church year, also called the "liturgical cycle." Why do we spend time doing so, observing seasons such as Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost? For one thing, it links us to practices of Christ's church which are very ancient. We know that primitive forms of

God Gathers Us

Prelude

In the Garden - arr. Dan Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

Introit

#236 As With Gladness (v. 1)

Gathering Hymn

#236 As With Gladness (v. 2-4)

We Respond to God's Presence

Gloria Patri

Anthem

Hallelujah, Amen - Handel

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology no. 34

Greeting

After the Greeting, kids Preschool—5th grade may be sent to kids church.

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Show Us Christ - Sovereign Grace

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-4:11 (page 1810 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks Be to God!

Series: Traveling Light

Message: Free to Receive

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

All Glory Be to Christ - Kings Kaleidoscope

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Organ Sonata I Op. 65, 1 - Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer for the Week

Work your miracle of life within us, O God. Lift us out of our darkness and show us the light that has come into the world through your beloved Son. Bring joy to our hearts and grant us the transforming power of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (by Mark H. Landfried)

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Giving In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or online here: <https://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/cherrycreekpres.org>

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Convergent Worship

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Today's Music

All Glory Be to Christ - Grace Worship

Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come) - Passion

Waiting Here for You - Nockels

Jesus, We Love You - Bethel

Gloria Patri - Hicks

Doxology

Show Us Christ - Sovereign Grace

This is Love - Butler

In Christ Alone - Stanfill

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