

**Worship of the Living God
Epiphany of the Lord**

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship
The star of our savior’s arrival has arisen in the night sky.
May it lead us to give our lives to Jesus in faithful worship.
Our greatest journey is toward the Bethlehem manger.
May we give our lives to Jesus in faithful worship.
The Light of the World chose to be born in a barn.
Let us give our lives to Jesus in faithful worship.

* Song *Adore*

* Rededication of our Baptismal Covenant
Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Hear these words from the holy scripture:
Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many,
are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.
Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.
Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

* Musical Response *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

Star Stories Tom Overcash
Angela Galloway

* Affirmation of Faith Dr. Randy Kirby
Adapted from the Presbyterian Book of Worship

**Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the sea were born,
from age to age you are God.
You deserve all our gratitude, Holy God,
for the years through which you have led us.
You open us to the future you promise.
In the years that lie ahead, we look to you
for encouragement in the work of ministry,
consolation in our defeats,
and challenge to our complacency.
We trust in your abiding Holy Spirit,
to find joy and peace in our common life,
strength and courage to live in the world for your reign,
and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Announcements & Celebrations

Distribution of Epiphany Stars & Offering

Offertory *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/
We Three Kings*

Song *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion of the People
*“The body of Christ, given for you.”
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*

* Prayer after Communion

* Song *Everyday*

* Benediction

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
by the Julie Steele Flower Fund.
*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1*

Joys and Concerns this week:
Pat Weber, Keith Corriher (Jan Corriher Smith’s cousin), Ed and Jeanette Whitley,
Tamie File (Carol and Acey Worthy’s daughter), Dorothy Beisel (Carol Worthy’s
aunt), Mike Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s brother), Tom Harrell, Cheryl Kurey

Kathy Sanborn and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Virginia McDuffie

John Smith and family on the death of his sister, Mary Smith Lassiter

Steve Thomas and family on the death of his uncle, Richard Thomas

David Pulliam and family on the death of his aunt, Frances Pullium

Continuing Concerns:
Bill Baker, Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover’s mother), Scott Hay, Maria Hudson, Wanda
Huntley, Steven Lescoe, Jan Lewis, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Judy
Rochelle, Acey Worthy

Church Life

Parents: Our children are such precious gifts from the Lord. Please accompany your child when they go to the restroom during worship services or move through the church building to ensure their safety. We want our church to be a safe place for our children, but remember, our doors allow people to come and go.

2 Cents a Meal

Please remember to bring in your donations for 2 Cents a Meal next Sunday.

Lewis Preaching Series

Join us on Sunday, January 30, for a unified service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 for worship. Later that day, at 5:00, join us in Lewis Hall for dinner and a program. Our guest speaker is Rev. Shannon Kershner. RSVP for dinner by January 20.

Reconciliation Ministry

The Race Task Force will offer a three-night study based on the fascinating PBS series, "Race: The Power of an Illusion," at 6:00, on January 12, 19, and 26. Participants will watch and discuss excerpts from each episode. Facilitators Michelle Strong and Krista Hill will lead the discussion. Please, let the church office know if you will be attending.

All In Groups

All In Groups will begin February 7 and continue through Easter. Sign-ups for our new All In Groups will begin TODAY. This is an opportunity for everyone to grow deeper in their faith and experience fellowship with others in the church you may not know. The curriculum will be based on each week's sermons. Use today's insert to choose your top 3 times to meet, and then place the slip in the offering plate today.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are now available in the Sanctuary narthex, Lewis Hall foyer, and the Business Office. Packs of 12 and 52 are ready for you to pick up.

FPC Day School

Our Day School has an immediate need for substitutes. Hours: 8:15-12:15, Monday-Friday. Contact Kathy Sanborn (989-234-2336) if you are willing to help.

2022 Pictorial Directory

Call or email Christine to let her know if you would like a printed 2022 Pictorial Directory. Cost: \$5 each. They will be available beginning January 10.

Commitment 2022

As of January 5, we have received 184 pledges totaling \$963,143 toward our 2022 budget. It is with deep gratitude and thankfulness that we thank all those who have turned in their commitment cards. However, we as a congregation still have a financial challenge. We still need \$162,126 in pledges to meet our budget for next year. The Session cannot complete the budget process without hearing from you.

Nursery Available

We are happy to have God's children of all ages attend worship. However, if you desire, we have a fantastic nursery located in the Family Life Center building. Please see an usher, and they will be happy to guide you to the nursery since the building is locked for the safety of our children.

Upcoming Events

January 9	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship in the Sanctuary Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
	4:00	Youth @ Harris Tepee
	5:00	Jr/1st Kids
January 10	11:00	PW Bible Study
	7:00	Deacons
January 11	10:30	Staff
	10:30	Prayer Shawl
January 12	5:30	Handbells
	5:30	Property
	6:00	Power of Illusion
	6:00	Stephen Ministers
	7:00	Choir
January 13	7:00	Life Center Rehearsal
January 14	9:45	BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) Study for Women – On Zoom in January

Each Sunday at 11:00 in the Sanctuary, we livestream to Facebook and YouTube.

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