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10:30am

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Mary McDonald
(b. 1956)

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence this new year.

Open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.

Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

Stop us often, we pray with news that is good, with hope that holds, with truth that transforms.

May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the north star by night,

As we travel into the gift of a new year. Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Holy Lord, on Epiphany, we are still the people walking. We are still people in the dark, and the darkness looms large around us, beset as we are by fear, anxiety, brutality, violence, loss — a dozen alienations that we cannot manage. We are — we could be — people of your light. So we pray for the light of your glorious presence as we wait for your appearing; we pray for the light of your wondrous grace as we exhaust our coping capacity; we pray for your gift of newness that will override our weariness; we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust in your goodness. We submit our day to you and to your Lordship, with deep joy and hope in Christ.

*SILENCE

*DECLARATION OF PARDON³

Though we were unable to enter into righteousness, to enter into God's dwelling on our own, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of Jesus. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. In this we may rejoice!

God with us, Emmanuel, in whom we find our peace and reconciliation, our hope and our eternal home. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we do sing by by, lully, lullay?
Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.
That woe is me, poor child for thee! and ever morn and day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully, lullay!
Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lully, lullay.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

**As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy.
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Joy Maple

*HYMN 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

COMMUNION

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.

...God let the light come again in a new form, a new Word, a new path to find our way home.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and bring it back again so that all could find their way home.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...for the words of light contained in the prayer of the Son who is Light as we say together:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Lord, help us to be bearers of light into this new year, into the possibilities that are before us. Help us to be the ones who see the goodness of the Lord at work in the world in ways small and large and to be witnesses to the good news in Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*All who are able please stand

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¹ adapted from prayer by Glen Mitchell

² adapted from prayer by Walter Bruggemann

³ adapted from assurance by Stephen Fearing

Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Dr. Wayne Lord
Chancel Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up

Jennifer Morgan

Acolyte

Graham Slater

Ushers

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Glenn Owen	Jennifer Pennington

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