

Worship on the Lord's Day
First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

January 9th, 2022

First Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 AM

Children, count the number of times you hear the word, "light" in the first part of this service. Later, talk with your Dad or Mom, why light is a special church word, especially in the season of Epiphany.

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. And that light shineth in the wilderness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not. ~ John 1:4-5, Geneva Bible, 1599

Welcome and Announcements

Margaret Barton

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

**Lighting of the Christ Candles,
and Prelude**

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Miriam Kast White

**Libby and Lindsey Holman
D. Hegarty**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

Luke 1:78-79, 2:30-32; Matthew 4:16

At the birth of his son John, Zechariah exclaimed, “By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Seeing the child Messiah, Simeon at the Temple rejoiced, saying, “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light—and we are among these.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined—and we are among these.

Come, let us worship.

Let us worship, indeed!

Hymn 35 – *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

***Invitation to Confession**

1 John 1:5-9

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

Book of Common Worship

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive....

(continue in a time of personal confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news. In Christ you are forgiven.

Now rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 581 – *Glory Be to the Father

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed [front page 35 of hymnal]

Children's Time

Karen Walters

Bible Readings

John 8:12 [NT page 101]

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 12:35-36 [NT page 107]

Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Luke 11:33-36 [NT page 73]

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

Message

Scott White

Hymn 314 – *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Anthem

Jesus, the Light of the World

arr. Lloyd Larson

Hark, the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world.

Glory to the newborn King. Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all ye nations rise. Jesus, the light of the world.

Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, the beautiful light. Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord. Come, hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace. Jesus, the light of the world. Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, the beautiful light. Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Jesus, the light of the world.

**Offerings,
and Offertory**

O Word of God Incarnate

M. Limbough

Hymn 606 – *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Offering Prayer, Unison**

God of heaven and earth, thank you for your love of the world, and for shining heavenly light on it.

We have come in humility and gratitude before you, bringing the offering of our very selves.

Speed these to churchly light shining. In Christ, amen!

Hymn 744 – *Arise, Your Light Is Come!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Praise, my Soul the King of Heaven

F. Ritter

NOTES AND NEWS

CHANCEL FLOWERS Our flower calendar, in the narthex, is now up for 2022. When you sign up please also note your dedication. Flowers do need to be prepaid before the office places the order.

COVID-19 POLICY The Session asks the congregation and its visitors and guests to follow the CDC guidelines. *If you are fully vaccinated* you do not need to wear a mask on campus except when singing. *If you aren't fully vaccinated* you will need to wear your mask at all times when on campus. Thank you.

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:15-6:15pm, Music Room
Bible Study with Buddy Baltimore: Wednesday, 6:00-7:00pm, Upper Parlor
Church School for All Ages: Sunday, 9:30-10:30am
Worship and "Extended Session Church School for Kids": Sunday, 10:45am
Nursery open and staffed: Sunday, 9am-12noon

BIRTHDAYS

Margot Sweatt – January 10th
Betty Childers – January 12th
Scott Robertson – January 14th