

**JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
JANUARY 22, 2023**

THE PRELUDE - *"Then Shall Your Light Break Forth"* - by Patricia Harris

THE WELCOME

Emily Shubilla

THE INTROIT

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness-
on them light has shined.
Thanks be to God.

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION** - *"Jesus Shall Reign"* - #265 vs 1, 4 & 5

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (*please be seated*)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.

Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

Thanks be to God.

***THE GLORIA PATRI #581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE ANTHEM- "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Joann Bair, Clarinet & Celebration Ringers

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Rev. Samantha Coggins

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Living in the Light

***THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" - #827**

1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!

You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!

Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!

Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

3 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

***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.

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING *(please be seated)*

THE NOISY OFFERING

THE COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY - "Arise, Shine!" By John Carter

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon you.
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness, gross darkness the
peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and His glory will be upon you. And
nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Arise,
shine...

*THE DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP - "Come, Live in the Light" - #749

1 Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called

to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom

of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;

we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another,

to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called

to be hope for the hopeless

so hatred and violence

will be no more. (*Refrain*)

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love. (*Refrain*)

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - "What Star is This?" - by Ritter