



Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2015

Meditation before Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3

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Gathering the Community

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Deborah Evans

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 60: 1, 3)

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Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

*HYMN # 66

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deborah Evans

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 43

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 4)

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray:
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Sue Melrose

RESPONSE IN SONG # 23 (PH)

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (refrain only)

Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o

*SHARING THE PEACE

Deborah Evans

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-12
(pp. 11-12 in pew Bibles)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

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SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Sue Melrose

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6
(p. 649 in pew Bibles)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

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ANTHEM

"The Little Road to Bethlehem"
Edward Kingins, Tenor
Christopher Kingins, piano

-Michael Head

SERMON

"Light Dawning"

Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN # 67 (PH) *"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591 (PH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

*HYMN # 525

"Here I Am, Lord"

(Those being installed and ordained as ruling elders and deacons please come forward as the hymn is sung.)

LITANY OF GIFTS

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**
Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF THOSE ELECTED TO OFFICE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

To deacons:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

To ruling elders:

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

(All those previously ordained as ruling elder are invited to join in the laying on of hands. All those ordained as deacon are invited to circle the ruling elders in prayer.)

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR NEW RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

**Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants
whom you called through baptism as your own
and marked as your own.
Grant them the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.
Give them a spirit of truthfulness
that they may show the compassion of Christ
in the actions of daily living
and rightly govern your people.**

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- * Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher to direct you.
- * CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ \$3.00 each.
- * You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Shar-row13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; LaMonica Harris, Temp. Bookkeeper, Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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Prayer List for the month of January 2015

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards/family, FSPC, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dr. Sharon Mook family, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Joan Szwed family, Cathy Topping.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, Capt. Katy Spicer Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.