

WE DEPART

* HYMN 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Joy to the World

arr. Kelsey

POSTLUDE

* You are invited to stand if able.

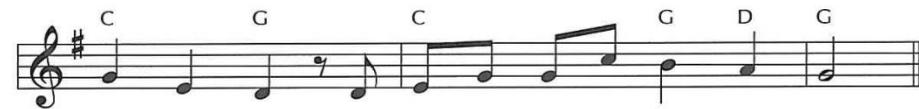
79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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Presbyterian Church

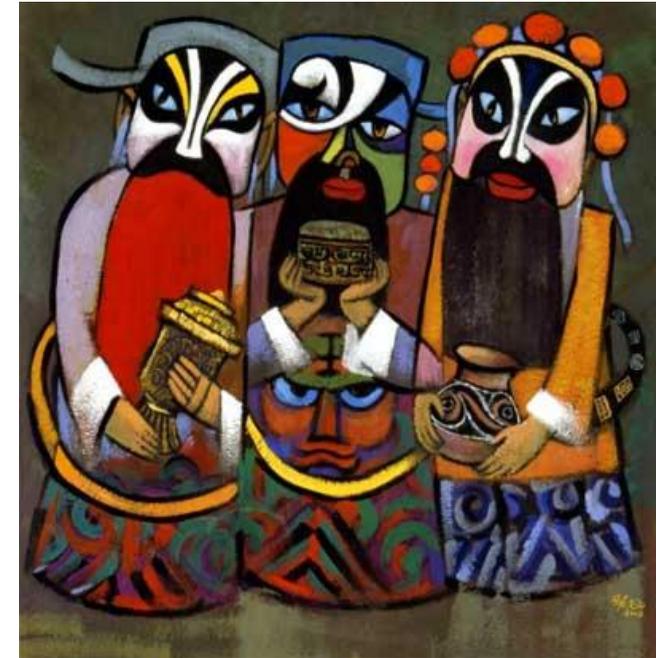
January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

Sermons available at
<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Three Kings Fantasy

Sewell

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,
where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is
overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

* HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with Jesus, fill us with the light of your joy and love.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 602 vs. 1

Song of Zechariah

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

MEDITATION

* HYMN (Back of Bulletin)

Light Dawns on a Weary World

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

The Kings

Cornelius

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 23 Refrain

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and will be served in the pews. As you receive the elements please hold them, so we may all commune together. The crackers are gluten free.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

People of Advent: the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.

People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

We will sing our praises to the One

who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.

In that first moment, you spoke, Radiant God, and the light of creation (*prayer continues*)
Therefore, we will join our voices with the wise ones, as well as the foolish, of every time
and place who forever sing of your grace:

Holy, holy, holy, God of bright dawns! All creation renders tributes of praise to you.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who saves the lives of the needy.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of redemption, (*prayer continues*) So, as we remember his birth, as we
prepare to journey with him this year, we speak of that mystery called faith, which is
revealed to us through Christ:

Christ came, the morning star of love;

Christ died, the night star of salvation;

Christ arose, the radiant star of resurrection;

Christ will come again, the constellation of hope.

Holy One of stars and sinners, send down your Spirit of hope, (*prayer continues*)

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION