

# First Presbyterian Church

*Welcome Home!*

## Order of Worship

Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019 11 AM

### PREPARATION

#### A Prayer of Preparation

*God, open our eyes and hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.*

Welcome

Rev. Shon Peppers

Ministry of Friendship

*Please pass the friendship register so all may sign it; pass it back so you may become acquainted with those sitting on your pew.*

Prelude

### ADORATION

\*Call to Worship (from Matthew 2:2)

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer

Leader: Where is this child who was born a king?

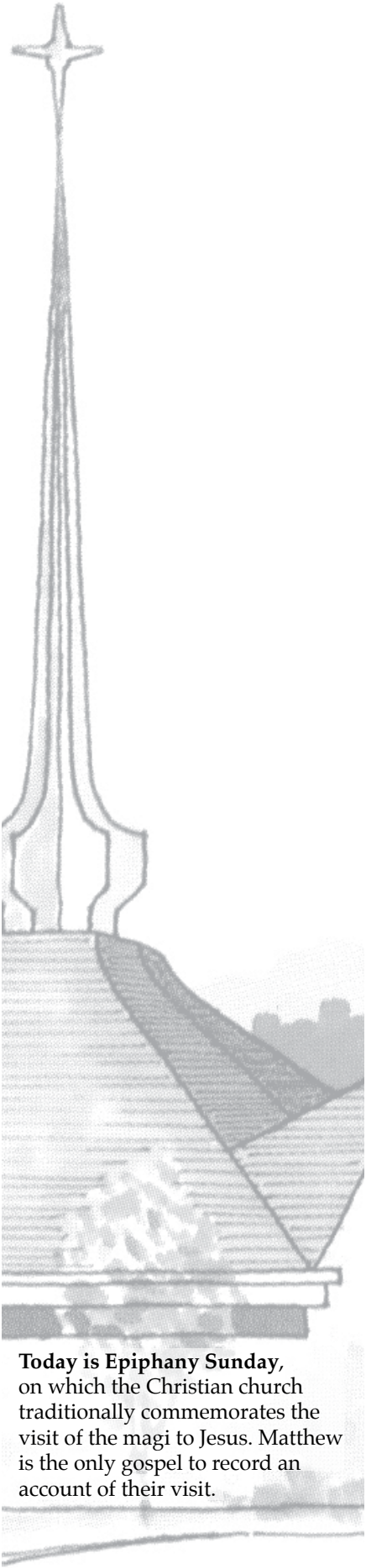
We have seen his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

People: **Let us worship the Lord, and give him gifts of praise!**

\*Hymn 299

*You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER



**Today is Epiphany Sunday,** on which the Christian church traditionally commemorates the visit of the magi to Jesus. Matthew is the only gospel to record an account of their visit.

## CONFESSION

**Large print bulletins** are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The **11 am service** is streamed live at [www.fpcga.org](http://www.fpcga.org) and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

We **give thanks** to God for the musical gifts of our **Chancel Choir**, proclaiming the good news in song this morning.

**FPC has begun** an endeavor to read the entire Bible together in 2019! Reading plans are available through the Bible in One Year app or on the FPC website at [fpcga.org](http://fpcga.org).

### Prayer of Confession

**Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears, our proud opinions, our deep seated sins, and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Savior, we pray...**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Celebration of Forgiveness (Hymn 805, stanza 1)

*Come, Sing to God*

ELLACOMBE

**Come, sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.  
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.  
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,  
Yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.**

### Time with Our Children

Rev. Lee Koontz

*All children are invited to come forward. When dismissed, children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sunshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.*

## PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Genesis 1:1-5  
(Pew Bible page 1)

### Offertory

*Arise, Shine!*

Healey Willan

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him all ye people! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!

New Testament Reading  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 2:1-12  
(Pew Bible page 1)

### Sermon

*Hope and History*

Rev. Koontz

### Moment of Reflection on God's Word

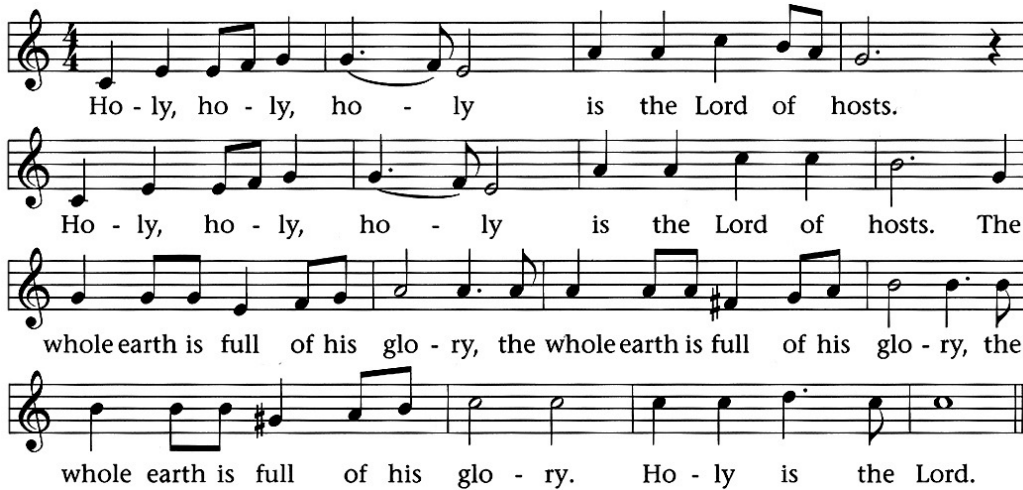
# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

We praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The  
whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the  
whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

**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.**

Words of Institution

Celebration of Communion

*(Gluten free bread is available. Please ask your server.)*  
*Choral Voluntary: "Now the Silence" by Carl F. Schalk*  
The text and tune can be found at No. 534 in the hymnal.

Prayer After Communion

Dallas Thompson

## SENDING FORTH

\*Parting Hymn 377 *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able.

### TODAY'S SERVANTS

#### Chancel Flower Guild

Lynne Plummer, Julie  
Ferguson, Lynn Hulsey

**Sound and Lighting**—Rick  
Plummer

#### Greeters and Ushers

Beth Kessler, Head Usher;  
Lee Ann James, Andy and  
Stacy Morley, James Pierce,  
Chris Wheeler, Ushers; Carol  
Squires, Greeter

## Welcome, guests!

If you would like to know more about our church, learn more about Jesus as Lord, or are in need of prayer, please join one of our pastors and elders in the church parlor following this service.

### Our Pastors

Lee Koontz  
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Ronny Childs  
Audio/Visual Coordinator

BJ Maher  
Substitute Organist

### Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church?

Anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and desires to follow and serve Christ is invited to become a member of this congregation. If you're interested in discovering more about how to become a member, please speak to one of the pastors following the service.

### Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 770-718-8584.

800 South Enota Drive  
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### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Learn God's ways of handling money: work a plan, rewrite your story, and change your future through this 9-week class that will help you get out, and stay out of debt! Classes: January 16-March 30, 6:00-7:30 pm, M303. Your personal details remain yours alone. Flyers available at Information Centers or call/text Facilitator: Denise Nylander at 678.617.0868 to sign up. Cost: \$109/family (Scholarship assistance is available: Don't let cost keep you from finding freedom from debt in this New Year.) Free Childcare available with reservation: Contact Denise.

### WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAY (WOW)

resumes this Wednesday, January 9. Adult/Youth/Children's programs begin with dinner at 5:45 pm, Kids WOW Music - 6:15, Adult Program - 6:25, "**Remembering Our Baptism, Rev. Lee Koontz**"; Youth Small Groups - 6:30. Program brochures at Information Centers.



### Walk in the Woods

### ELACHEE

Nature Science Center  
1 PM, Saturday, January 19



### WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

9 am, Saturday, January 12  
Rev. Heather Koontz, speaker  
"Seeds, Planted"  
(No charge for breakfast)



## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

9:00am Morning Light Worship  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary  
6:00pm Youth Fellowship  
6:00pm Chancel Ringers

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

9:45am PW Monthly Meeting SH  
11:00am FPC Staff Meeting CR  
2:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503  
6:00pm Worship Cmte CR  
6:30pm Beginners' Sq Dancing Class, Gym

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

9:00am Yoga SH503  
10:00am Prayer Group, Cabin 1  
5:00pm **Adult Ministry CR\***  
5:30pm AA Group, Lake House  
6:30pm **Congregational Care, Cabin 1\***  
6:30pm **Fellowship Ministry M303\***  
6:30pm **Outreach Ministry, Cabin 4\***

7:00pm LCS Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:00pm PW Night Circle CR  
7:15pm **The Diaconate M303\***  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019  
9:30am Dogwood Garden Club, Parlor  
10:45am Primetime Singers  
12:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503  
5:15pm Andrew Ministry, Cabin 1  
5:45pm WOW Supper & Activities  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019  
9:00am Yoga SH503  
10:00am Lanier Women's Club SH503/SH  
5:00pm **Youth Ministry Team, Youth Area\***  
6:00pm **Children's Ministry Team, Cabin 3\***  
7:00pm Book Club CR  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019  
6:00pm Kids Night Out  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019  
9:00am World Mission Prayer Breakfast SH

### \*Committee Meeting

CR-Conference Room; SH-Swetenburg Hall