



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Celebrating the Diversity of All

January 3, 2010
The Epiphany of Our Lord

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PRELUDE Variations on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Composer: arranged by Bill Wade

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Isaiah 60:1-6*

The people begin seated.

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

The people will stand.

People: We arise.

Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: We shine with God's light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

People: We lift up our eyes.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

People: We see and are radiant.

Leader: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

People: We, too, proclaim our praise to the one whose light shines in our lives and in the world!

HYMN 68 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

TIME FOR PEACEMAKING

Trinity Presbyterian Church has a long-standing commitment to peacemaking. At this time of our worship, we lift up the areas of our world that are in need of peace, we discover ways we can be peacemakers in our lives, and we pray for peace.

RESPONSE



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you." Those who have been standing may sit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light

Music: Traditional, arr. by André Thomas;

Words: George D. Elderkin, refrain; Charles Wesley, stanzas

(Refrain) We'll walk in the light, 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,

Jesus, the Light of the world;

"Glory to the newborn King,"

Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Jesus, the Light of the world;

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Jesus, the Light of the world. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (New Testament, page 2)

MEDITATION

The World as It Was Meant to Be; The World as It Shall Be

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

During the sharing of Joys & Concerns, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SILENT PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

This morning, when the Offertory Hymn begins, you are invited to move to the center aisle and proceed to the Chapel (through the doors by the pulpit). When you pass by the offering plates, please place your offering in the plate. We will only sing the first verse and refrain in the Sanctuary. When you get into the Chapel, please take a glass of juice or wine (wine is served at the first door and juice at the second door) and take a piece of bread. Once everyone is in the Chapel, three kings will enter with their gifts and sing a solo verse. The congregation will join them on the refrain and on the final verse.

Congregation: We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

Solo: *Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. (Refrain)*

Solo: *Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, Worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)*

Solo: *Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)*

Congregation: Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia" Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION FEAST

Throughout Christian history, communion has been a time of communing both with God and with others. Today our communion service will emphasize the fellowship aspect of Communion. After the bread is broken and cup is blessed, you will be invited to eat the piece of bread you are holding and drink the cup of juice or wine. Then continue to have communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. You will find an assortment of other foods on the table—these are also part of our communion and are intended for your enjoyment (O taste and see that the Lord is good!) You are invited to linger as long as you like.

Epiphany occurs 12 days after Christmas. It is the day when we celebrate the revealing (or epiphany) of Jesus Christ to the nations. The color of Christmas is white, the traditional color of light and joy.

AIDS Memorial Quilt – The two AIDS Memorial Quilt panels hanging on the North wall belong to The Quilt which began with a single panel created in San Francisco in 1987. Today, The Quilt is composed of more than 47,000 individual 3 x 6 foot panels, each one commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS. In its entirety, The Quilt is measures 1,293,300 square feet and weighs 54 tons, but only represents about 17.5% of the people in the United States who have died of AIDS. These panels come from every state in the nation, every corner of the globe and they have been sewn by hundreds of thousands of friends, lovers and family members into this epic memorial, the largest piece of ongoing community art in the world. (<http://www.aidsquilt.org>)

The Crèche – The crèche in the display case in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is made up figurines given in loving memory of Todd Weems, a son of Trinity who was tragically killed in 1982.

Peace Prayer – Daniel Anderson-Little

Liturgist – Rob Pelgar, The Rev. Julie March

Preacher – Dr. Daniel R. Anderson-Little

Organist – Dr. Bill Wade, CAGO

Choir Director – Vicki Carmichael

Choir – Trinity Choir

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## News and Notes for January 3, 2010

*We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.*

*We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.*

*We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.*

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to speak with the pastors about our membership class. Our schedule can be found in the welcome brochure in the pews. We welcome children in worship, with childcare provided downstairs for children pre-school age and younger, if wanted. *Spiritual growth classes for children and adults are held at 9:30 am.*

### ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH (FOR KIDS TOO IN JANUARY!)

**HARRY POTTER:** Join us between January 10<sup>th</sup> - 31st as gifted school teacher and member Rick Hasler leads a discussion based on the *Harry Potter* book series. Kids grades 3 and up are invited to attend the first 3 sessions: Jan. 10 - **Who is Harry?** (Kids and Adults) This class will look at the character traits of many of the main Harry Potter characters - the good, the bad, and the ugly... Jan. 17 - **What is Magic?** (Kids and Adults) What is the difference between magic and faith? Jan. 24 - **Good vs. Evil** (Kids and Adults) Is Harry Potter a story about "Good vs. Evil"? Is the bible a story of "Good vs. Evil"? What do these books have in common and how are they different? Jan. 31 - **Should I really be letting my child read these books?** (Adults only) At what age will my child be ready to read these stories? At what age will I be ready to let my child read these stories? This class will outline the major plot structures of the books and we will have a discussion of how the series changes in intensity and depth over time. We will also address the differences between the movies and the books.

**OUR WEEKLY PARENT GROUP** offers a relaxed place to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting. Join us when you can! Room 206

(by the Choir Room) at 9:30am. The group will not meet in January due to the Harry Potter class.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“DE-DECORATING” THE SANCTUARY TODAY:** If you can stay after the communion fellowship for a short time today to help take down the trees and other decorations, it would be greatly appreciated. Help is also needed cleaning up after communion.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – OUR MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IS GROWING AS WE SPEAK:** Thank you, thank you, thank you! As we close out 2009, Trinity has received 103 pledges totaling \$300,003 committed for 2010. More than a dozen of these pledges are new or renewed commitments! If you have not renewed your pledge yet, please do so now. The Session will soon be finalizing their budgetary plans for the coming year, and they need an accurate assessment of expected pledges. You can contact Linde in the church office to make your pledge by phone or email. If you are a new member and have not pledged before, we encourage you to start now. Pledging is a rewarding spiritual discipline that brings us closer to God and helps us demonstrate our commitment of time, talents, and treasures to this community of faith. Pledge cards can be found in the pews racks with additional information.

**THANKS TO STUDENT CARL SECHRIST** for covering Birty's basic duties while he was on vacation this past week

**JANUARY 9TH SHAKESPEAR'S BANDE** concert, Sanctuary, 7:30pm, discount for students/seniors.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Plan to stay after the service on January 24th for a congregational meeting to receive the Annual Report and the Pastors' Terms of Call.

**B&B SMALL GROUPS** will form again in January. Stay tuned for more details!

**RAPID RE-HOUSING CLIENTS HAVE NEEDS:** Donate furniture & household items. Details on posters in narthex and by the office.

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

### Concerns

#### **Prayers for Comfort:**

- For the family of Bob Reynolds, significant other of Janet Guenther, and for Janet at his death on Dec. 18.
- For the family of Mark Mellinger, Christy Schindler's cousin who died on Dec. 13.

#### **Prayers for Safety:**

- For Shanthi Phillips who is serving with the Peace Corps in Lesotho. You can read her blog at [Shanti's Blog](#)
- For Jon Gibbons, son of Pat and Jane Gibbons, husband of Emily Shapiro and father of Harriet and Frances, who is serving in a military hospital in Afghanistan until May 2010.

#### **Prayers for New Beginnings:**

- For Leo and Lois Eason spending the winter in Florida; For Ray and Ginny Scholin spending the winter in Arizona.
- For those preparing for ministry (Dawn Fleishman, Diane O'Brien, Rhonda Dunbar).
- For all Trinity members struggling with economic and employment concerns.

#### **Prayers for Healing:**

- For Rex Bull, Cathy Hasler's father, still in the hospital with a strep infection.
- For Cricket's friend, Donna Torkelson, in great pain with an inoperable tumor on her spine and one on her lung.
- For Jerry Royce, recovering from a dislocated hip.
- For Emma England, the young daughter of a friend of Julie March's, at Children's Hospital with a serious e coli infection.
- For Do Kirk, who is recovering well at home in Whidbey Island, WA after a neurological event.
- For Ray Stone, Ginny Richmond's nephew, in ICU with an unknown problem.
- For Pat Warren, Ginny Richmond's niece, receiving radiation and chemotherapy for multiple cancers.
- For Sandy Macy, friend of Cheryl & Reed Evans, just diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.
- For Dee Wharton, friend of Lois Sechrist, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- For Rev. Don Weems, Trinity's Pastor Emeritus, receiving treatment for prostate cancer & for Ann Weems, being treated for kidney disease.
- For Rev. Louis Platt, Art Platt's brother, being treated for lung cancer.
- For Lorraine McGhee, Roberta McBride's neighbor, who is dealing with multiple health problems.
- For Fred Gould, Stacy Shupe's uncle, diagnosed with an aggressive rectal cancer that has spread to his liver.
- For Jon Billings, Vicki Carmichael's sister-in-law's brother, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.

#### **Prayers for Ongoing Support:**

- For Jean Dausch, Cricket Gordon's friend, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- For the Pontious family as they work to help Adam have an abundant life in the midst of disabilities.
- For Harold Glad and Jan Schulte-Glad as they deal with Harold's Early Stage Alzheimer's.
- For Bill Hedrick, former pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in St. Louis who has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis.
- For Anna Gordon, as Cricket & Brian continue to work on her care issues.
- For Dianne Anderson, mother-in-law of Dan Anderson-Little, who is dealing with liver disease.
- For Kim Merritt, dealing with multiple health issues.

#### **Prayers for Homebound Members:**

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| ❖ Helen Bauer      | Myrtle Beckmeyer | Eleanor Griffin | Mabel Howell |
| ❖ Evelyn Patterson | Maxine Story     | Jim Pettus      |              |