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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021

11:00 A.M.

*The congregation
is asked to
remain silent
during the prelude
as a time of
prayer and
meditation.*

*Born a King on
Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to
crown him again,
King forever,
ceasing never
over us all
to reign.*

*Hymn #151, "We
Three Kings of
Orient Are," Glory
to God, The
Presbyterian
Hymnal*

*Frankincense to
offer have I;
incense owns
a deity nigh;
prayer and
praising gladly
raising,
worshipping God
Most High.*

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"We Three Kings
of Orient Are,"
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Hymnal*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

All: The star in the dark sky heralded his coming.

Leader: Led by the light of the star, wise men came to pay homage.

All: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

Leader: Come! Arise! Shine! The Light of the world has come.

All: God's Light of love is shining upon us. Amen.

Hymn #151 (verses 1 & 5) **"We Three Kings of Orient Are"** KINGS OF ORIENT

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Hymn #151, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

St John Chrysostom, 4th century A.D. archbishop of Constantinople

"The magi, as you know, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents."
O. Henry, The Gift of the Magi

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, speak and hear the good news of the Gospel:

All: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may discern your ways. Fill us with your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-7

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"On the Tenth Day of Christmas . . ." Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

"Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who was born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"
Matthew 2:1b-2

**The Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

*"Around the table that Christ prepares, we give thanks and praise for God's creative power, redeeming love, and sustaining care."
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Great Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
The Prayer after Communion

Hymn #150 (verses 1 & 2) "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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Benediction

Postlude



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 3	10:00 am	Zoom Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship in person and online The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Monday, January 4	10:30 am	Circle #1: Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 5	10:30 am	Circle #3: Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Circle #4: Zoom Meeting

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **This morning** we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.

* **Weekly Zoom Bible Study** will resume on Monday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 13.

* **The Twelve Days of Christmas** began on December 25 and end on January 5. January 6 is called Epiphany Day ("Old Christmas") and is celebrated in some religious traditions as the day when the Wise Men from the East arrived to worship the Christ child.

HAPPY
New Year

