



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)
[Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)]
Starkville, Mississippi
January 3, 2021
2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

Order of Worship

Prelude *All Hail King Jesus*

Greeting (From Isaiah 60:1, 3)

One: Arise, shine for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: Nations shall come to your light

All: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Hymn #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, by a star You led magi to the worship of Your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by Your light, that the whole world may see Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in on holly catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

“Going Back...Another Way”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: **Diane Knichel** (COVID and pneumonia); **Joanie Knichel** (COVID and pancreatitis); **Inez Mathis** (pneumonia); **Family of John Howard Patton** (McDougald friend who died 12/31/20); **Family of Nell Prather** (Byran's mother); **Teachers, Students and their families** at all levels of education as they adjust to learning in this time of COVID 19. Please keep these and all those on the list below in your prayers.

If you would like to add a request or removal to our list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or nancybryson68@gmail.com) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

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Susan Scales Huffman

Jason Landry & family

Richard Mullenax

Bettye Seepe

Josephine Zitta

Ellen Goodman

Rev. Chris Kiepe

Rev. Jerry Long

Malone Phillips

Elizabeth Vance

Rev. Wil Howie

Jetta Kuykendall

Johnny McReynolds

Elizabeth Richardson

Clyde Williams

Please be in constant prayer for those suffering with COVID 19, and those who care for them, those with addictions, homelessness, loneliness, hunger, mental illness, the unemployed, prisoners and the poor.

SUSPENSION OF 'FACE TO FACE' SERVICES. Out of an abundance of caution, and with love and care for our community and congregation, we continue to suspend all face-to-face services (worship, social, choir, etc.) for the immediate future. The Session reviews this decision at each stated meeting. **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 7th.** Please contact any Elder or Ron, if you have questions or comments

PIANIST. We would like to thank our pianist for the morning, Lynette McDougald.

SYMPATHY. We extend our Love and Christian sympathy to the family of Nell Holt Prather, who passed away on December 30, 2020. Services were held January 2, 2021 in Indianola, MS. She was the mother of Bryan Prather.

Session

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