

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Sunday, January 8th, 2023 | 1st Sunday after the Epiphany- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9 | Psalm 29 | Acts 10: 34-43 | Matthew 3: 13-17

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz, Viola Solo

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Lisa Schoonover

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.
The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all humankind.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Indescribable"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory
rising in splendor.
The radiance of your incarnate Word (*con't*)

pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace.
May his brightness illumine our lives
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

Praise Team

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”




CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean;
but there is mercy for those
who call on the name of the Lord.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

 *Indicates to rise in body or in spirit*

✠ **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

✠ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVINESS**

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Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low:
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

✠ **RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)”

✠ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Adult Choir

“I Want to Know You”

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)

The Glory of Zion

60 “Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4 “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

5 Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

6 Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”^[b]

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Ephesians 3:1-12

God's Marvelous Plan for the Gentiles

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

SERMON

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Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#66: "To God be the Glory"

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

All things in heaven and earth belong to God,
Who is coming n glory to reveal a new creation.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

**We leave the waters of baptism to offer grace to others;
we give from our abundance to bless others with hope and healing;
we offer our lives to you and others in serving with love and mercy.
In Jesus' name, we pray you will bless these gifts and us. Amen.**

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Sending

✠ **CLOSING SONG**

“Standing in the Need”

✠ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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May the God of peace
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
so that you may abound in hope
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

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For prayer requests and updates,

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Welcome to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you are here!

- Please feel free to stop by our welcome area and get a nametag if you do not already have one.
- Our worship and communion services are open to all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time with us more welcoming and comfortable.
- Please see any of our greeters or ushers if you have any accessibility needs/requests.
- **Restrooms** are located across the hall from the sanctuary entrance as well as in the fellowship area. Please see an usher if you need directions.
- Please feel free to join us for fellowship time following worship!

For more information on John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please visit JCPChurch.org!

Do you have a passion to serve?

We are always in need of members and volunteers to help serve in various ways at John Calvin Presbyterian Church! If you feel called to serve, please contact the church office, or see any of the worship stewards, and we will be happy to connect you with the appropriate team!

**“There is one body, but many parts. But all parts make up one body.
So it is with Christ.”**

-1 Corinthians 12:12-

Thank you for your consideration!