

## SENDING

<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”</i>	Hymnal #744
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*Congregational Response</b>	<i>“You Shall Go Out with Joy”</i>	Hymnal #80
<b>*Postlude</b>		

### Serving Today

<b>Greeter</b>	LeRoy Lafferty
<b>Liturgist</b>	Mary-Margaret Allen
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Nancy Harber
<b>Welcome Table</b>	Sue Razzaia

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<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Sam Codington
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# Faith Presbyterian Church

A family of Christ, welcoming all, worshiping God,  
growing in the Spirit and joyously serving others.  
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Pastor: Rev. Sam Codington

Please rise in body or spirit, where you see an asterisk. \*

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 1, 2023 9:30 AM

### GATHERING

**Music for Meditation**                      *“We Three Kings”*                      arr. J. Rodriguez

**Welcome, Announcements & Greeting**

**Words for Preparation:**

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1.*

**Gathering Song**                      *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*                      Hymnal #39, vs 1

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassion's, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**Choral Introit**                      *“Arise! Shine!”*                      J. Martin

**Call to Worship**                      Mary-Margaret Allen

Leader: Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers! Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers!

All: **Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers!**

Leader: Bring your questions, your hope, your fear, and your faith into this space.

All: **God is here.**

**\*Hymn**                    “As with Gladness Men of Old”                    Hymnal #150

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

Leader: One of my favorite things about the Wise Ones is that they go looking for God. Actively and consistently, day by day, they follow the star until it guides them to Jesus. I wish I was more like that, but I admit, I tend to follow God with part of my heart. I tend to get distracted and lost, taking exit ramps off the road, following whatever new shiny sign is present. It’s part of being human. In the prayer of confession, we acknowledge that more often than we’d like to admit, we find ourselves following the wrong star. Fortunately for us, God is the map maker, and God’s map is measured in grace, so we have nothing to fear. Let us pray together. Let us seek God together. Join me in the prayer of confession:

**Prayer of Confession**

All: God of starlight, we know that faith isn’t a vending machine. Good news can’t be bought or manufactured. It does not arrive with a push of a button. Instead, in this noisy world, we have to *look* for you in our midst. We have to walk toward you, just as the Wise Ones did. We have to believe that love really can change the world. We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights. Forgive us for forgetting that. Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts. We long to be more like the Wise Ones; may we walk your way every single day. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, I have nothing but good news. Since the very first day, God has taken the pieces of our hearts that we have offered up and has said, “I can work with that.” Even in our failings, God has washed us with words of grace, belonging, and love. No matter what star you’ve followed, no matter how far you’ve walked, no matter how lost you got— you belong to God. God loves you. God forgives you. God claims you. End of story.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*Response**                    “Gloria Patri”

*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.*

**PROCLAIMING**

**Choir Anthem**                    “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**Sermon on the Steps**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** (NRSV)                    Mark 1:1-8

Leader: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**                    “Seeking Good News”                    Rev. Sam Codrington

**RESPONDING**

**\*Hymn**                    “Once in Royal David’s City”                    Hymnal #140

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of thanksgiving**

**Words of institution**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

All: Holy God, let your light break through the fog of our lives. Fill our hearts with your light, and help us to follow your light in our daily lives, comforting the sorrowful, binding up the broken hearted, encouraging big dreams, and bringing good news to every corner of our neighborhood. With gratitude and hope, we pray, amen.