



## Epiphany

January 7, 2024

**9:15 am Worship Service**



4595 SW California St.

Portland, OR 97219

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What Child Is This

Here I Am To Worship

Greensleeves

Tim Hughes

Welcome

Pr. Patti Welch

Message

*Children invited forward to light the Gospel*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Amy Gantt, reader

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children dismissed to Children’s Church*

Sermon

Pr. Patti Welch

Community Prayer

*Enter a sacred time of community prayer. Led by a pastor and graced with uplifting melodies, we invite you to offer up your heartfelt prayers. Share your joys and concerns, intertwining your voice with others. Together, let us create a tapestry of unity and support. Embrace the power of communal prayer, as our collective spirits soar.*

Offering

*Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)*

Andrew Bergthold

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

*The First Noel*

Traditional English Carol

Blessing

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Felix Mendelssohn

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**Gathering**

Prelude

*Largo*George Frideric Handel arr.  
Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Patti Welch

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the Columbia & Willamette Rivers, the Pacific Ocean, and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

#310

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

ACS Setting 12

Song of Praise

Glory to you, God

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Karyn O'Bryant, reader

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Epiphany Carol*

John H. Hopkins Jr. arr.

Stephen DeCesare

Howard Sonstegard, accompanist

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia with 'Lord, to whom shall we go?'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response *Bless Now, O God, the Journey vs. 1 & 2*

#326

Iona's Creed

We believe in God above us, **maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.** We believe in God beside us, **Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died alone and forsaken.** He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Becky Tuttle, reader

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## The Offering

Offertory Hymn      *Shine, Jesus, Shine*      Kristi Baack, Trumpet

#671

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, **Holy One**, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

...Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**



Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

*The First Noel*

#300

*What Child Is This*

#296

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

**Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

*Arise, your light has come!*

#314

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *The Festive Trumpet*

Brian Glyncannon

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Pr. Beth Brashear, Associate Pastor

Gerry Brenes, Director of Music

Emily Brabham, Director Youth/Service Ministries

Kim Weber, Children's Ministry

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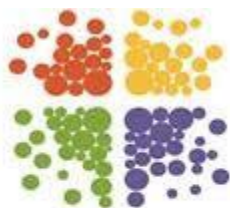
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