

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 1, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain)*

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain)*

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

Prelude

Good King Wenceslas

arr. for Organ by CJ Marucci

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Beau Southwood, Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Come, praise the eternal God!
All you in the heavens, angels above—**praise God!**
Sun, moon, and stars in the sky—**praise God!**
Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea—**praise God!**
Lighting and thunder, snow and rain—**praise God!**
Mountains and hills, desert and prairie—**praise God!**
Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds—**praise God!**
Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges—**praise God!**
Men and women, young and old—**praise God!**
Let them all praise the name of God!
For God's name stands alone, above all others;
God's glory shines over earth and heaven.
Let's worship God together!

***Hymn of Praise**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1) We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2) Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *(go to verse 3)*

3) Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,

worshiping God Most High. (*go to verse 4*)

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

5) Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Virginia Laughridge, Liturgist

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world. Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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, amen.



The Children's Time

Rev Joy Laughridge

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus
LPC Chancel Choir

W.A. Mozart

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Psalm 148
Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

New Year's Day

Brian Mitchell

The Word of God Proclaimed in Sacrament

***Hymn of Commitment**

As With Gladness Men of Old

1) As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2) As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3) As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4) Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Commitment**

The First Nowell
(vs 1, 2, 3, & 5)

1) The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2) They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *(Refrain)*

3) And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *(Refrain)*

5) Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *(Refrain)*

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

March of the Three Kings (the 13th Century {Provençal Carol})

arr. Gilbert Martin

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for January:	Nancy Carlton Sara Maguire Bunny George Frank Wood
Liturgist:	Virginia Laughridge Beau Southwood
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Joy Laughridge
Director of Youth & Christian Education:	Brian Mitchell
Director of Music & Organist:	Carl Marucci
Parish Associate:	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
The floral arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given to the glory of God.	



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 1/3

- 1:00 pm - Handbells 101 in the sanctuary
- 1:30 pm - Handbell Practice in the sanctuary

Wednesday, 1/4

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

Tuesday, 1/10

- 1:00 pm - Handbells 101 in the sanctuary
- 1:30 pm - Handbells Practice in the sanctuary
- 1:30 pm - Presbyterian Women in the Coleman Room

Wednesday, 1/11

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the sanctuary

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