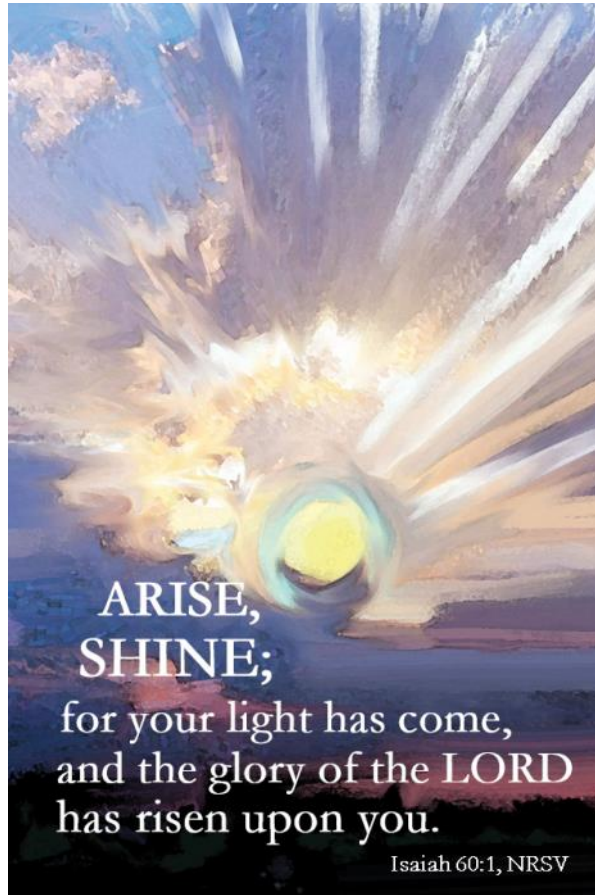


**The Service for the Lord's Day  
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



**January 2, 2022**

Epiphany Celebration



First Presbyterian Church  
of Royal Oak

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.*

*Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service. For directions to classrooms, please ask an usher or see the sign in the lobby.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

#### **\*HYMN: #230**

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1555-1608); tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 © Lutheran Book of Worship (admin. Augsburg Fortress);  
Music: Philipp Nicolai; arr. J.S. Bach

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: In the Light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

**All: Mighty God, you are worthy of our greatest gifts. But we often do not bring you the gifts you deserve or desire. The wise men brought your Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But these days you require different gifts: radical hospitality, enduring faithfulness, relentless compassion, restorative justice. Help us bring the gifts that matter to you. Amen.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: Trusting in the light of the world, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins:

All: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: #231, v. 1

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

# Arise, Your Light Is Come! 231

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in both systems.

N.C. A D A D A  $\frac{E}{B}$  B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A  $\frac{E}{G\#}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A}{E}$   $\frac{Bm}{D}$  D#m7(b5) E  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)  
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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FESTAL SONG  
S.M.

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

## II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>1</sup>

**All: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 766*

Matthew 2:1-12

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 2*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

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*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY:

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

*Johann Pachelbel*  
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### \*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

***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

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER<sup>3</sup>

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: It is right and our joy...we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: In the fullness of time...great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God...We pray in the triune name of God, using the prayer of Jesus:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread and cup are offered in a basket at the entrance to the service for each worshipper to bring with them to their seat. When invited by the pastor, please open the top film of packaging to eat the bread; then open the second film for the cup. We enjoy the meal together as a sign of our unity in Christ. A gluten free option is available. Please place trash in the bins are located near the exits or in the narthex.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>

**All: May the cup and loaf continue to nourish us as we go forward into this new year. May the light of the first Epiphany lead us in faith, truth, and courage as we continue to follow you into the world. May our lives bring you glory as they guide others to you. Amen.**

## IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN: #319

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Text and Music: Graham Kendrick (1950-) © 1987 Make Way Music (Admin. Music Services)

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE:

Fanfare: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Christopher Tambling*  
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*\*Indicates please stand if you are able.*

- 1 Call to Worship, Call to Confession, and Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer for Illumination from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Vol 1*, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015), 40-43.
- 2 By Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Year C, Epiphany Sunday, [www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com)
- 3 Adapted from Rev. Elsa Peters, the United Churches of Olympia, WA, <http://www.liturgylink.net/>
- 4 Michelle Henrichs, *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God*, Life in the Labyrinth, LLC, 2020, p. 11.

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Jim Gotch to celebrate a healthy return to normal.

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### **December H.O.M.E. Project — “Birthday in a Bag”**

There’s still time to help struggling families enjoy a birthday celebration. Take a H.O.M.E. Bag now available in the CE Lobby, add to it boxed cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, (optional) birthday paper goods and/or favors, and decorate the blank birthday card inside! **Return it by January 9, 2022** and we’ll distribute them through local schools and/or the Salvation Army.

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### **Children’s Library & Play Space**

Through the generous mission grant, FPCRO will install a new children’s library space in the church to welcome the public to a safe and nurturing area throughout the week. If you would like to be involved in the team planning this space, please contact Pastor Emma, [enickel@fpcro.org](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org) or call the church office.

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### **S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at FPCRO**

On **January 23**, join us for worship at **9 am or 11 am** in the sanctuary at FPCRO for a service led by S.T.A.G.E. youth from the four partner congregations. The students are writing all the liturgy, will offer the music, and deliver the sermon. We’re looking forward to an opportunity to welcome all the churches together in worship. The services at 9 am and 11 am will be identical.

When you come for worship, be ready to order your Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches as part of STAGE’s fundraiser. See the additional below for more info on Subs!

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### **Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser: Buy a Sub for the Big Game!**

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The cost is \$9 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips for just \$1 to your order.

Italian (ham & salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted January 23 through February 2.** To order in person, attend S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on Sunday, January 23. Orders will be taken by the youth between the 9 am and 11 am services. (Payments that day can be made via cash, check, Paypal & Venmo). Online orders (paid via Paypal and Venmo) will also be available starting January 23. **All subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO.** Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

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### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

On **Sunday, February 13** we are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for our Little Free Pantry. Cans with pull-tabs are very useful. Fruit cups and cereal bars are also great to include. (Please, no glass containers.)