

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2023
10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas
Link to worship videos available at: www.fpcbryan.org

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MINUTE FOR MISSION, AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Be Thou My Vision
(For lyrics, see Hymn No. 450.)

Irish Ballad, arr. Marcia Wells

OPENING SENTENCES

from Isaiah 64

Welcome to worship this morning!

Let us remember the words of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 64:

"O Lord, you are our Creator and Source of the life you give.

We are the clay. You are our potter. We are all the work of your hand."

* HYMN NO. 150 (st. 1,2,3)

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

**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.**

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

**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 heav'nly King.**

* Please stand in body or spirit.
Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON, AND JOYFUL RESPONSE

Let us pray our praise and humbly confess our sin, wanderings, and failings to God. Let us pray together . . .
God of promise and light, we praise you for opening our eyes day by day to behold your light in the darkness. May we, through faith and imagination, have your light beams guiding us on our journey—quest to find the One in whom we truly are set free. In truth, O Holy One, we come to worship you with unclear and distorted motives. Often, we want you to gift us with health, with wealth, with answers to our questions. We want you to overlook our unfaithfulness, rather than shining the bright light of the Christ Child in our lives. Forgive us, that we are not more like those wise ones of so long ago. In following a star, they found hope; in gifting a child, they received grace; in seeking your signs, they discovered life. Be with us, in mercy and joy, as we journey following your Son, Jesus Christ today and always . . .

(We pray in silence.)

Friends, let us hear and share with gladness the unearnable and supreme news of the Gospel:

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory Be to the Father

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.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

(To give online, please see the paragraph on p. 3 about “Online Giving” with QR Code.)

OFFERTORY

Rejoice, Rejoice!

arr. Cathy Moglebust

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

From Story to Art to Our Lives: “The Ultimate” Lights All Else

STATEMENT OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

The Lord’s Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of persons with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that, by participation in it, they have communion with him and with all that shall be gathered to him . . . We rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which God will bring to completion . . . and we go out from the Lord’s table with courage and hope for the service to which we have been called.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, CONSECRATION, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray . . . Eternal God, receive our thanksgiving for all that you have given to this world and the people and creatures of it. Through faith communities and among your people, multiply the offerings of our lives with a witness to your love, both close by and around the globe. God of mercy, as your love and power both

mend brokenness and give support in the most threatening of situations and to the most vulnerable of persons ... Where relationships are torn by hurtful words and stubborn pride, bring your healing. Where the distance of miles or the distance of unreconciled relationships creates chronic unease, bring your healing. Where war, anarchy, political and religious strife either smolder or ignite to spread, bring your healing. Where illness, injury, and age have taken their toll, bring your healing. Spare us, O God, not ambiguities and pain in life. Grant not success, as we measure success. Yet grant us adventurous challenges as your disciples, going before us, beside us, and behind us, abiding close, that we and all others might receive your life in abundance and behold your realm and providence, even amid this world's difficulties. From this table of communion – with your people everywhere, nourish us and give us drink through these elements of field and vine. Grow within us the spirit of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected, our host and our mentor always, God-with-us today and forevermore. Hear us also praying now, as Jesus taught the community of faith to believe and give voice:

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: BREAKING AND POURING – SERVING AND PARTAKING

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

Let us pray together ... **Having been nourished and given drink from this table and fellowship, O God, take our minds, bodies, words, relationships, and actions, and break and pour and distribute these, so that our outreach and witness as disciples of Jesus is your outreach and witness to all your people, from this day forth and forever more. Amen.**

* HYMN NO. 363 (st. 1,2,3)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
(For lyrics, see Hymn No. 687.)

William Croft, arr. Richard Williamson

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At the conclusion of worship today, Rev. Foote will be in the narthex. narthex.

Today, Associate Pastor Emily Béghin is serving as supply preacher with Brenham Presbyterian Church.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available in the narthex.

Please help yourself or ask an usher for assistance.



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A WARM WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us today.



WORSHIP NOTES PREACHER

Rev. Ted Foote

LITURGIST
Lois Basenfelder

USHERS | GREETERS

Ranney McDonald
Beth Pennebaker
Ethan Truax

MUSICIANS

Lisa Walston, *Pianist & Organist*
David Kipp,
Director of Music Ministries

COVER ART

"The Three Magi"
from

<https://shepherdthoughts.com>

AUDIO-VISUAL | SOUND

Adam Hartman
Nicole McKinley
Bill Watson

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPIPHANY | NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

10:45am Worship (with Lord's Supper)-S
12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

FPC & FPCC STAFF HOLIDAY
CHURCH OFFICE AND CHILDREN'S CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

11:30am Staff Meeting-L
6:00pm Circle II-P
6:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner Group-Smitty K's, College Station

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 8, 2023

9:20am Church School: Children's Class-Room 13
9:20am Church School: Youth Class-Room 10
9:20am Church School for all ages-VC
10:45am Worship-S*
12:00pm Youth (GR 6-12) Group-CCF/FH

** Loving childcare provided.*

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Worship related activity sheets and markers are available on the tables in the Narthex. Room 108 is available for your nursery needs. If you are unfamiliar with our building and need assistance, an usher will be pleased to help you. Also, two rocking chairs are located in the narthex, where the worship service can be heard via a ceiling speaker.

NEW MEMBERS may be received any Sunday by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership. If you feel led to inquire about becoming a church member or deepening your commitment as a disciple of Jesus Christ, please indicate your desire on the fellowship folder or call the church (979.823.8073) or email Pastor Ted Foote (tfoote@fpcbryan.org) or Associate Pastor Emily Béghin (ebeghin@fpcbryan.org). They will be glad to arrange a mutually convenient Sunday when you can be received by the Elders and introduced to the congregation.



**PRIME TIME
LUNCH**
(from Jason's Deli)
**Tuesday, January 10
11:30am**

RSVP/Order by
Thursday, January 5, to:
Nicole, 59mckinley@gmail.com

REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



SUN, JAN 1, 2023, (and the first Sunday of each month) is known as FPC's "Stock the Pantry" Sunday. In honor of the birth of Jesus, you are invited to bring to worship with you **INFANT and ADULT DIAPERS**. Bring your donated goods (anytime in January) with you to worship on Sunday mornings, to the Indoor Patio, or to the church office on weekdays. Monetary donations are always welcome. *Thank you for your generosity!*

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW when **WORSHIP** and **ACTIVITY** videos are uploaded to our YouTube channel!

Go to: www.youtube.com/c/FirstPresbyterianChurchofBryanTexas, Click **SUBSCRIBE**

Share prayer needs and church group news with fellow FPC participants on Church Updates!

FPC-Bryan's online tool for YOU to post church-related announcements, ways to serve, and your prayer needs. While users receive a weekly reminder email on Thursdays to view new posts, this online tool is "REAL TIME."

Contact Karen in the church office, 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org to set up your account.

Then, login at <https://fpcbtx.churchupdates.org/login> to create your password-protected account.

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, *The Chimes*, is **NOON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 15.**

This newsletter will be distributed on or before Thursday, January 19, and covers news from January 26 thru February 15. Submit your church news to: office@fpcbryan.org.