



CORNERSTONE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Epiphany Sunday

07 January 2018

Welcome to Worship

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Nate Shurden

Sunday School Schedule

Nursery (basement)

PreK: Room I04 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

K/Ist Grade: Room I03 (basement)

Teacher: Michelle Marshall; Assistant: Mark Elliott

2nd/3rd Grade: Room I0I (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely

4th/5th Grade: Comenius Room (third floor)

Teacher: Ronda Laventure; Assistant: Julia Grounds

6th Grade: Schaeffer Room (third floor)

Teacher: Charlotte Robinson; Assistant: Mary Lynn Giles

Youth (7th-9th and I0th-I2th) at Merridees

Adult

The Chapel Class: *Count it All Joy* (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (Kuyper Room 3rd Floor)

Exploring Cornerstone (Room 204)

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics: "O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O". The second system of music covers the second line of lyrics: "Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing." The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the text.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Call to Worship—Psalm 148:1-5, 7-8, 13

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

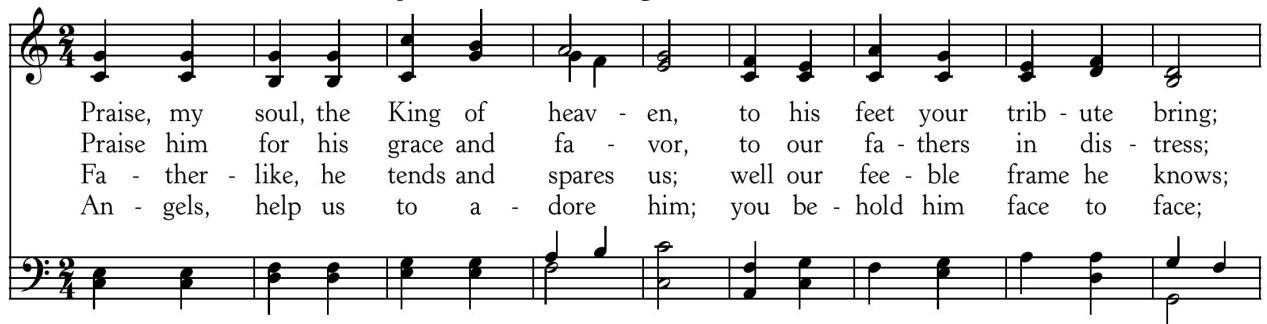
Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

The Refrain for the First Sunday of Epiphany—Psalm 1:1-2

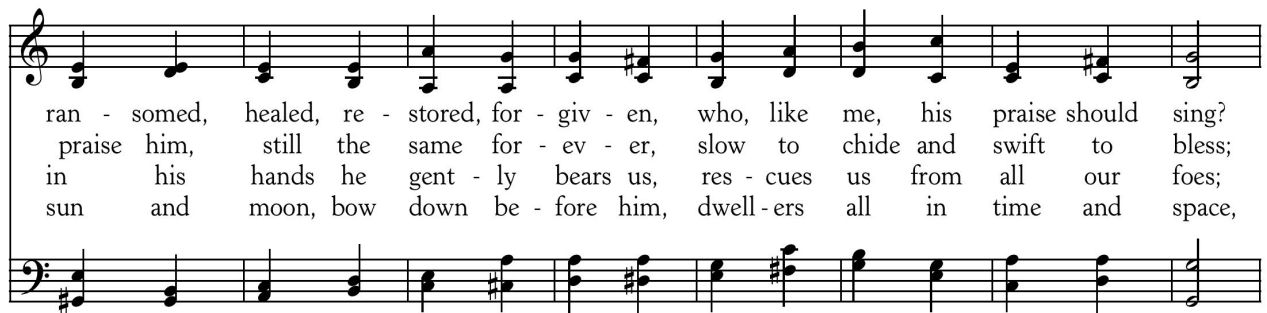
Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

All: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

Hymn of Praise—Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven



Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: PRAISE MY SOUL, John Goss, 1869.

Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

My God, My por - tion, and my Love, My ev - er - last - ing all, I've
What emp - ty things are all the skies, And this in - fe - rior clod! There's
In vain the bright, the burn - ing sun, Scat - ters his fee - ble light; 'Tis
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, And air, and earth, and seas, Con -
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, To bless the Sa - cred Name, Of
none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, Or on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing here de - serves my joys, There's no - thing like my God.
Thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon; If Thou with - draw, 'tis night.
spire to lift Thy glo - ries high And speak Thine end - less praise.
Him that sits up - on the throne, And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 36:5-9

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

The Refrain for the First Sunday of Epiphany—Psalm 1:1-2

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

All: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An-cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Call to Confession—Psalm 51:15, 17

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 25

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

Our God, in you we trust.

Let us not be put to shame; let not our enemies triumph over us.

All: Make us to know Your ways and teach us Your paths.

Lead us in Your truth and teach us.

Leader: You are the God of our salvation. May we wait for you all the day long.

Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

All: Remember not the sins of our youth and our transgressions;

according to Your steadfast love remember us,

for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Leader: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

All: Consider our afflictions and our troubles, and forgive all our sins.

Leader: You lead the humble in what is right. May we be humble; teach us Your way.

All: All of Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep Your covenant and Your testimonies.


Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on 2 Corinthians 4:6 & 15

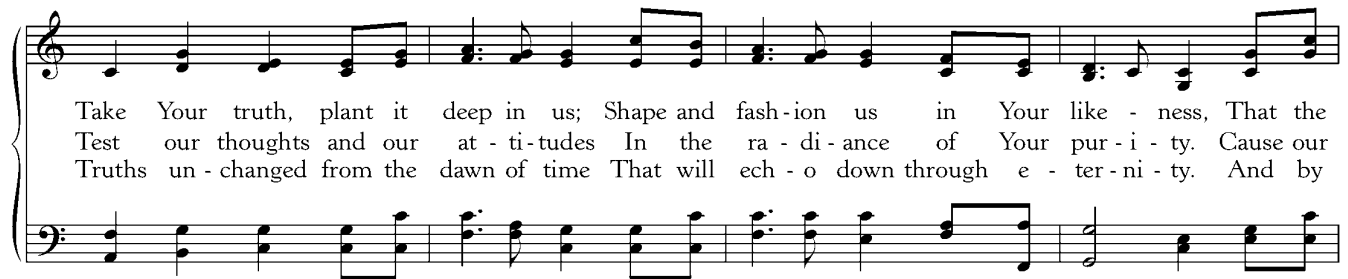
For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

+++Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated+++

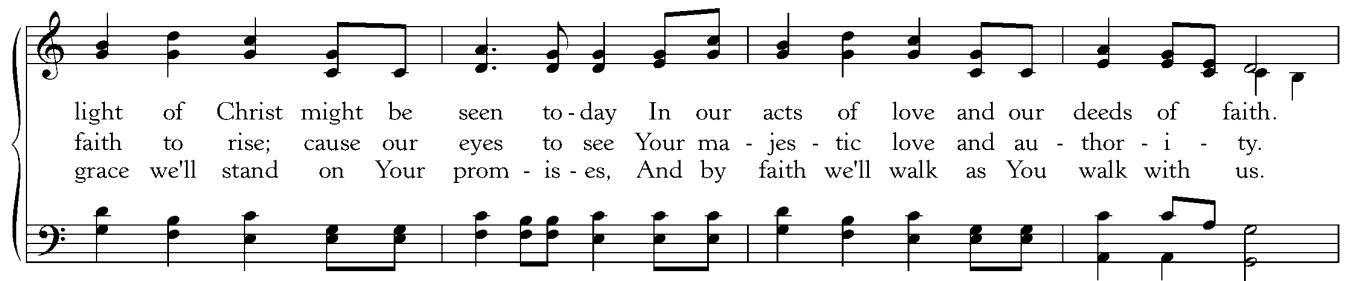
Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord




Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis I:1-3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—In the Beginning: A Study of Genesis, pt I

In the Beginning

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.
And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system contains the lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a 3/4 time signature.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
 On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
 and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
 from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
 The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Matthew 11:28-30 & Psalm 34:8

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

The Refrain for the First Sunday of Epiphany—Psalm 1:1-2

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

All: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth. We praise

earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise

You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

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Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm for Epiphany—Psalm 8: O Lord, Our Lord in All the Earth



O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth, How ex - cel - lent Your name! Your
When I re - gard the won - drous heavens, Your hand - i - work on high, The
For You have made him lit - tle less Than Your blest an - gels be; With
You have sub - ject - ed all to him, And lord of all is he, Of



glo - ry You have spread a - far In all the star - ry frame. From
moon and stars You have or - dained, Oh, what is man! I cry. Oh,
hon - or You have crowned his head And glo - rious dig - ni - ty. On
flocks and herds, and beasts and birds, And all with - in the sea. Your



lips of child - ren, You, O Lord, Have might - y strength or - dained, That
what is man, in Your re - gard To hold so large a place! And
man Your wis - dom has be - stowed A pow'r well nigh di - vine; With
migh - ty works and won - drous grace Your glo - ry, Lord, pro - claim. O



ad - ver - sar - ies should be stilled And venge - ful foes re - strained.
what the son of man, that You Do vis - it him in grace!
hon - or You have crowned his head With glo - ry like to Thine.
Lord, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Your name!

Text: The Psalter, 1912: Music: KENTUCKY, Southern Harmony.

Hymn of Communion—Light of The Anxious Heart

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system of music covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear note values and rests.

Light of the anx - ious heart, Je - sus, Thou dost ap - pear, To
Joy - ous is he with whom, God's Word, Thou dost a - bide, Sweet
Bright - ness of God a - bove, Un - fath - om - a - ble grace, Thy
bid the gloom of guilt de - part, And shed Thy sweet - ness here.
Light of our e - ter - nal home, To flesh - ly sense de - nied.
pres - ence be a fount of love With - in Thy cho - sen place.

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. by John Henry Newman, 1801-80;
Music: SELMA, Robert Archibald Smith, 1780-1829

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The 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.*

Hymn of Praise—As With Gladness Men of Old, Vs I-4

As with glad - ness, men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold
As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly cra - dle bed
As they off - ered gifts most rare At that cra - dle rude and bare;
Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the nar - row way;

As with joy they hailed its light Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright
There to bend the knee be - fore Him Whom Heaven and earth a - dore;
So may we with hol - y joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last

So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1860; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Revelation 4:11

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Both now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Sung Response—What Child is This, Vs 3

So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own Him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la-by:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1865; Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English

Prayer Focus—Brad Mills (Carrie) is the church planter and pastor of Grace Clovis Presbyterian Church (GCPC) in Clovis, CA, a church plant of the Presbyterian Church in America in the Central Valley area of California where 73% of the population is unchurched. GCPC seeks to equip a community of saints in the city of Clovis who are committed to gospel living through fellowship, outreach, discipleship, and church planting.

- Praise God for the opportunity GCPC had to close out 2017 with two adult baptisms, a covenant child baptism, and the addition of ten new members!
- We spent much of 2017 praying for greater financial sustainability and the Lord provided in unexpected ways. We were able to cover our budget for a total of five months of the year, with three of those months coming in the last three months.
- We completed our officer training in October. We have two elder candidates and one deacon candidate. They completed their written exams in December and will be taking their oral exams later this month. We are planning on holding our particularization service on Sunday, March 4th.
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Available Today!

EPIPHANY DEVOTIONALS: Scripture Reading Guide for the New Year



As we look to 2018, we're trying something new. Instead of just reading straight through the Bible, we're going to read smaller selections that are scattered through the Scripture, so that you're getting a steady diet of Old and New Testament throughout the year. Further, the chosen Scriptures will center on themes from our sermon series, which means the main themes of our worship services will inform our Bible reading selections throughout the week.

We are also adding in a weekly memorization verse, or we might say, "meditation verse." It's important to be reading the Bible daily, but it's equally important to chew on particular texts in a meditative way, learning to hide words and phrases into your heart (Psalm 119:11).

We're hopeful that by approaching our Bible reading more intentionally, letting the Lord's Day worship service set our direction, we might experience in even greater measure of the living and active power of God's Word in our life together (Hebrews 4:12)

Today's message, "In the Beginning" is taken from Genesis 1:1-3. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- What was the original context in which the book of Genesis was written? What purpose does Genesis serve in the redemptive story of Scripture?
- Reflect on the specific words and phrases of Genesis 1:1-2, teasing out the meaning within the word choices. What do we learn about the nature of God and creation from these first two verses?
- The creation narrative of Genesis 1 and 2 answers many questions and leaves many questions unanswered. What questions do you see the creation narrative answering? What questions does it not answer? What should we learn from this?
- Is there anything close to the idea of "gospel" present in these opening verses? If so, where do you see it?
- How does Genesis 1:1-2 provide hope and significance for our everyday lives as together we embark on a new year together?

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