

This Week at First Presbyterian

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

*I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)*

This Morning's Hymns:

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning was written in 1811 by famous hymnist Reginald Heber. It alludes to the story of the Magi worshipping the Christ-child and, in effect, asks the question "what worship shall we offer to Christ?" Does God demand our most expensive gifts?

No," answers the poet, "something much more is needed":

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Heber's verses echo the understanding expressed by David in Psalm 51: *The sacrifices acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* (PS 51:17)

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright? answers its own question by alluding to an oracle and a story from the scriptures. The first reference is to Matthew's story of Christ's natal star and the Magi who followed it to Bethlehem.

The other allusion is to an oracle uttered by Baalam in Numbers 24:17. *I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near – a star shall come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.* In both the oracle and the story of the magi, the kingdoms of this earth are understood to be overwhelmed by the divine light of God's coming kingdom.

I Danced in the Morning is a folk hymn written in 1963 by Sydney Carter. The "dance" is interpreted to be life lived in its fullest abundance, or as Carter defines it, a life lived in the "image of all faith."

The stanzas choreograph the life of Christ, with the refrain inviting the singers to "Dance, then, wherever you may be." Carter adapted the tune from the 19th century Shaker melody *Simple Gifts*.

This Morning's Anthem:

Zion, Awake

Text: from Isaiah 52 Music: Henry Purcell

Zion, awake, put on your strength;
adorn yourself with peace and holiness!
Break forth in joy,
let all together sing this song of praise:
*The Lord has comforted and saved
His own Jerusalem.
Salvation now is known
to all the ends of the earth.
Alleluia! Amen!*

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	11:00 a.m. Adult Education Classes
9:00 a.m. Child Care	12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship Service	5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education	7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

Monday, January 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-Carriage Town	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Renovare	6:15 p.m. Senior High Pipe Praise Band Practice
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting	6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council Meeting	

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Renovare	5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
10:00 a.m. GM Retiree Board-Outside Event	6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

Dinner will not be served this week. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative Service. This week will be an Epiphany celebration. Children's programming and dinner will resume on January 13. If you have any questions, be sure to contact Paul in the church office.

Thursday, January 7

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Sarah Circle	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	

Friday, January 8

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	2:00 p.m. Phil Braun Funeral
1:00 p.m. Phil Braun Visitation	

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Class

Ministers,
Members of First Presbyterian Church
Senior Pastor,
John L. Musgrave
Associate Pastor,
Paul Ytterrock
Commissioned Lay Pastor,
Steve Baillie
Director of Business Administration,
James B. Hagan
Director of Children's Ministry,
Jaime Powell
Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,
Andy Armstrong
Director of Music and Fine Arts,
Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,
Kim Skaff
Director of Youth Ministry,
Jim Pope
Building/Kitchen Manager,
Greg Kelly
Community Ministry,
Lisa Horne
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Organist,
Brenda Portman
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner

First Presbyterian Church of Flint

*Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.*



Epiphany is from a Greek word, *epiphano's*, which means "coming to light" or "in full view." Epiphany is a celebration of light. We understand the light of our lives to be Jesus Christ.

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 3, 2009 9:30 a.m.

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

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Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

Pastorale 'Gesù Bambino'
Brenda Portman, organist

Pietro Yon

Acolyte: Daniel Burkhardt, 4th Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

And the glory of our God has risen upon us.

Nations shall come to this light,

and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.

Bless the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*Processional Hymn 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning MORNING STAR

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

God of glory,

You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,

to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride

hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,

and baptize us once again with your Spirit,

that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth

Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.

†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

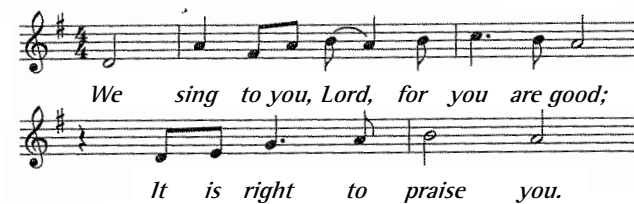
Prayer for Illumination

Peggy Anderson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bibles pg. 592 O.T.)

Psalm 147



We sing to you, Lord, for you are good;

It is right to praise you.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12 (Pew Bibles pg. 181-182 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterrock

*Hymn 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bibles pg. 1-2 N.T.)

Anthem

Zion, Awake
The Chancel Choir

Purcell

Sermon

The Light has Come

John L. Musgrave

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-

fied, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and

the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*Doxology

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

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Interlude on the Coventry Carol

W.S. Lloyd Webber

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

To the family of Norm Dent (husband of Kathy) deceased on December 28, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: John Cole, Marian Keel, Lillian Maxon and Harry McFarlane; Hospice: Katherine Jackson and Bill McRorie

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 302

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the service of worship. Elder John Hyre will assist after the service.

The Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God

Donations to the Flower Memorial Fund are used to maintain fresh arrangements for the urns in the Sanctuary and for the fresh-cut arrangements used on the Fellowship Tables in the Narthex. The fresh-cut arrangements are delivered each week by the Deacons to shut-ins and church members celebrating their birthday.

In loving memory of their father, Clifford J. Millhouse, by his children:
Marcia, Susan and David.

We Welcome All Who Are Visiting First Presbyterian Today!

We invite you to join us in the ministries of worship, nurture, and service. Please do not leave today without greeting the members of the congregation and the pastors. Please sign one of the guest forms located in each pew with your address, email and telephone number and stop by the Welcome Desk to receive a gift.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.