

Morning Worship
January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Marietta Burch
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements
Minute for Giving Marietta Burch
Prelude *Fanfare Toccata On As With Gladness Men of Old* Lasky
Choral Introit *In My Life*
*Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, has been revealed to the nations.
**He is our Radiant Dawn, the Cornerstone uniting all humanity
the King for whom all peoples long.**
In him, the mystery hidden for ages in God has been revealed
and God's eternal purpose has been carried out.
O come. let us adore him!

*Prayer of the Day
**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory
rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and
peace.**
**May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as
one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made
flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of
eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.**

*Hymn 151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Call to Confession
We would like to think that our sins are lesser than our neighbor's. We would
like to think that the world's problems are the fault of other people who are
worse sinners than we. But to think that way is to sin. To think that way is to
prefer our own self-righteousness to the genuine righteousness God offers us
in Jesus Christ.
**Let us not be proud, but admit that the person we see in the mirror
desperately needs the forgiveness our merciful, loving God is ready to
grant.**

Prayer of Confession (unison)
**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 his light. We covet what belongs to our neighbor and fail to
be generous with what belongs to us. Doubting your powerful and loving
rule over our lives, we live in anxiety and fear. Forgetting the urgency of
your Gospel, we fail to tell others of your salvation in Jesus Christ. In
your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and strengthen us in your Spirit, that,
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face
of Jesus Christ.** (time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Hebrews 10:12-18)
When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at
the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies
would be made a footstool for his feet."
For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
**And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, saying, "I will remember their sins
and their lawless deeds no more."**
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant
*Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in
the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the
1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.*

Prayer for Illumination
Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Opening Our Treasure Chest" Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant

We Respond to God's Word

* Declaration of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we
strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying,
"Come, Lord Jesus!"**
**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen**
**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)
**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.**

Offering Invitation
Offertory *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Woodman

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*
**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

Prayer of Dedication

God Seals His Word Through the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
Invitation to the Table
Epiclesis (Sung by all, three times)
**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!**
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you!
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
**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 and Sharing of Bread and Wine
Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old*
* Benediction and Sending
* Congregational Response
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**
* Postlude *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Manz

We **welcome** Rev. Dr. Franklin Fant to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Fant is the
Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian
Communities of SC. Prior to this, he was the Pastor of Seven Oaks Presbyterian
Church in Columbia, SC for almost 11 years, and served on the PCSC Board of
Trustees for nine years.

Franklin has also worked in the private sector, in higher education, and with the
Federal government. He holds a B.S. in Financial Management from Clemson
University, a Ph. D. in Finance from Florida State University, an M. Div. from
Columbia Theological Seminary, as well as the Chartered Financial Analyst
designation.

A native of Columbia and a cradle SC Presbyterian, Franklin is married to the
former Christi Harley of Spartanburg.

