

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Three Wise Men, by Henry Collier

**January 3, 2021
Epiphany Sunday
LITURGY**

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

The March of the Wise Men

HARVEY B. GAUL

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine – for your light has come!

People: *The glory of the Lord shines upon us.*

Leader: From faraway lands, people stream to the light.

People: *We come, drawn toward the brightness of the dawn.*

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see: the faithful gather together.

People: *Our hearts rejoice as we greet the Lord with praise!*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Hymn of Praise (*soloists only, congregation seated*)

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 heaven 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 heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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 pour out the gifts of your Spirit, so that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive that forgiveness and be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

PATTY RUTZLER

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Our first reading this morning comes from Isaiah, chapter 60. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

ALFRED FEDAK

Caity Walters and Francesco D'Agostino

Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. This Jesus came to end sin's war; this name of names for us he bore. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace. With him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity, what fear in earth or space in this New Year of grace! "All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth!" the angels cry. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-18

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time

that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Traveling Wisdom

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*The Apostle's 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 crucified, 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.

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

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 Distribution—*communion cups are available when exiting the Sanctuary.*

GOING FORTH

Hymn of Commitment (*soloists only, congregation seated*)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

Refrain: *O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. Refrain.*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. Refrain.*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain.*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Jig Fugue

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

Dismissal

Ushers will dismiss you by row following the Postlude.
Please remain seated until directed to dismiss.

Offering

Offering boxes are located on the wall by the exit doors.
You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Richard and Barbara Beach
in thanks to our staff for their dedication to the church and to our parishioners.

Ushers

Richard Beach (head usher),

Greeters

Gary Nordbrock, Lee Ryan, Martha Waddell, Fred and Joyce Witt

Prayer List

*Linda Arsenault	Dominique O'Connell	Missionary (Honduras)
Darryl Bernhardt	Betty Poore	Dorie Hjalmarson
Giraldo-Castano Family	Ethan Ridgway	Central Presbyterian
Wayne Godwin	Stuczynski Family	Reformed Church, Matanzas,
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Dixie and Ed McGinnis	care receivers	
*Diane Miller	* church member	

News

Presbyterian Women's Circles

Our Circles are enjoying Zoom Bible studies. Below is a list of Circles and contact information. Please call the Circle leader of your choice and we will make sure you get the link for the meeting. Choose the date and time that best suits you.

Grace Circle, January 5 at 10 a.m. - Andie Goodrich 404.317.5850 or Coke Evans 559.978.5898

Love & Friendship Circle, January 20 at 9:30 a.m. - Martha Waddell 507.581.1480

Sunshine Circle, January 20 at 11:30 a.m. - Janet Root 239.963.9838

Peace with Honor Circle, January 20 at 1:30 p.m. - Betty Mangos 239.254.9883

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

In January we continue our study of the disciples. Join other committed men in our congregation on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Following the presentation, we join in some question and answer sharing and follow-up discussion. We will gather via Zoom, at 8 a.m. January 6: Rev. Rex Childs will present "Bartholomew" and "Simon the Zealot". For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org or Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

Zoom with the Pastors

Please join us each Wednesday at 11 a.m. for a brief message from our pastors, Craig and Rex, and a time of fellowship. Please register (reservations@fpcnaples.org) by 4 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to ensure you receive the link to the meeting.

HUDDLE

A men's lunch-time Bible discussion group that invites and encourages all men to gather with us via Zoom each Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. For Zoom instructions contact Karl Heissner at khh0725@atlanticbb.net.

Children and Youth

All children, youth and young adult programming is being held online at this time. Kidz Lab (our interactive Sunday school experience for grades pre-K – 5) meets Sundays from 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Youth Group (grades 6 – 12) meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Young Adults meet on Sundays at noon (subject to change). Please contact Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at nancyv@fpcnaples.org for questions and link information.

Office Hours

The staff is working in the office during regular hours, however, due to COVID-19 cases, we are minimizing entry to the office areas. You may make an appointment with a staff member or call ahead if you need access to the building. We appreciate your consideration and help in keeping our staff healthy and well.

Sew & Sews Stamp Collection

The Sew and Sews/Presbyterian Women are still saving stamps and sending them in to Stamp Alliance Ministry. These stamps are sold and monies collected is used to purchase Sunday School materials for Spanish speaking children nationally and internationally. So, when those Christmas cards come in don't throw the envelope away without removing the stamp.

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. Please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich (craig@fpcnaples.org) or Rev. Rex Childs (rexc@fpcnaples.org).

Chancel Flowers

Do you have a special event coming up? Would you like to remember a loved one who has passed? Do you know of someone celebrating a special birthday but don't know what to get them? How about dedicating flowers to the church in memory or honor of them? It's easy to do. Just call the church office with the date you would like to remember your loved one and a dedication will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. There are several dates available. The cost is \$65 per dedication and can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please be sure to include 'flowers' in the memo section of your check. Or you may give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Giving Opportunities

Thank you for your Giving

At the heart of our New Year is a celebration of gratitude to our members and friends who have impacted our church community in major ways. Whether through your volunteering, generous giving, or thoughtful notes to our staff, your support makes a tremendous difference at The First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's love with you, our community and world. During this holiday season, your trust and support is our joy. On behalf of the many people who benefit from your generosity, we thank you!

Deacons Fund Sunday

Did you know that communion Sunday is also Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday? Please consider donating to the Deacon Benevolence Fund today using the pink envelopes located by the offering boxes. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You may also donate at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Palms Society – Planned Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Rev. Craig Goodrich, craig@fpcnaples.org or Linda Gadkowski, lgadkows@capecod.net.

The Birthday Fund

The Birthday celebration invites members and friends to give one dollar or more for each year of their life on a Sunday nearest to their birthday. These monies are placed in the permanent endowment of the church. Checks can be mailed to the church with a notation to "Birthday Fund" or you can give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give, select Birthday Fund from the list of funds.

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