

Christ our Hope

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Week of Epiphany of the Lord



Epiphany

January 3, 2021

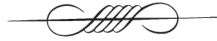
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**MEDIA
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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.



*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,
serves together, and grows together in faith.*

VISITING TODAY?

*If this is your first time worshipping with us,
we hope you will feel welcome.*

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate
to reach out to us by phone or email. We also invite you to visit
our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org*

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**All who can do so comfortably are invited to stand*

Welcome

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Sean Michael McDonald, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

*** Sharing the Joy of Our Faith** *(We encourage you to greet others and receive greetings while remaining in your pews. We encourage you to wave, offer the peace sign, clap your hands, tap your feet, whichever way you choose - we are blessed to be together to worship while remaining a safe physical distance apart. If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to extend greetings using the chat feature.)*

Call to Worship:

Let us worship God

Liturgist: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God's love endures forever.

Opening Hymn/Song *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Children's Moment

Blessing of the Children (All)

"Lord God, bless us your children here, in our neighborhoods and in our ministries throughout the coming week. Show

**us your goodness. Give us your peace for when we are afraid.
Teach us to hear your voice and go with us, your children as we go
to worship you!"**

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

Liturgist: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will
**forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession

**Thank You for being a loving, gracious, and merciful God. Thank
You for Your perfect love that never fails, and for the knowledge
that we cannot be separated from Your love. Lord, when we were
children, we thought and reasoned like children. But now, as
Christ followers, we are called to love those around us with the
unselfish love of Jesus. We confess that there are still moments
where we are prone to act selfishly and childishly. Forgive us,
Lord, as we humbly repent of those foolish actions. We pray that
our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of Your
love. Help us to daily honor You by loving You completely and by
choosing to love others with intentionality and understanding. We
pray this in Christ's name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 91: 14-16)

Liturgist: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them,
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

First Reading: Psalm 147: 12-20

Second Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: 1 Peter 1: 1-12

Sermon: “*Christ our Hope*”
Rev. Jonathan Fettig

RESPONSE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Please join me in the affirmation of faith, the Apostles Creed.

Brothers and sisters what do you believe?

**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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Offering Song *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Doxology (*All*) (Blue Hymnal 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The prayer continues...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion/ Meditation

Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

Prayer of Affirmation

*Closing Hymn/Song

As with Gladness

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Postlude

Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

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Leading worship this morning...

Rev. Jonathan Fettig, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Rose Sparrow, *Parish Associate*

Sebastian Carpenter, *Director of Contemporary Music and Worship, Interim Director of Youth Ministries*

Elder Dee Casner, *Worship Leader*

Lisa VanHeldorf, *Choir Director*

Sean Michael McDonald, *Organist*

Small Group Questions

1 Peter 1: 1-12

Questions to ponder as we get to know a little about each other:

- How many times did your family move when you were growing up? Which time was the hardest?
- How geographically scattered is your family now? How often do you get together?

Questions to help us dig into the Scripture:

- What was the situation in Rome at the writing of this letter?
- What, according to verse 2, is God the Father's role in initiating a Christian's salvation? What part does the Holy Spirit play?
- What does Peter mean by the "new birth" God, in his mercy provides (v. 3)? What are God's plans for a Christian's future (vv. 4-5)?
- What perspective does Peter give suffering in verses 6-7?
- Despite their suffering, how does Peter describe his audience's spiritual relationship and outlook (vv. 8-9)?

Questions to help us apply the Scripture to our own life, to take personal inventory and share with the group what you are going to do as a result:

- When have you felt like a "stranger in the world" (v. 1) because of your faith? What helps you through those times?
- How has the Spirit stirred a longing for God's forgiveness and holiness within you?
- How aware are you of God's shielding power that Peter describes? What part do you play (v. 5)?
- In times of personal crisis, do you tend to lean more on God or blame God? Has suffering made you bitter or "better"?



POINSETTIAS



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DEDICATION:

To the Frontline Medical Workers
caring for the sick.

To the Glory of God!

In memory of our parents Marita and
Richard lake and Teresa and Donald Furey

Thank you to Pastor Jonathan & Pastor
Rose for their leadership, love of the Lord,
and continual prayers.

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving
for the dedication of our tech team and
pastors!

In memory of Bob and Dot Buxton