

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY ❖ January 2, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

A Word to Worshippers

When people say, "I've had an epiphany," they usually mean "I've had an idea," or a revelation, a discovery. An **epiphany** is the sudden realization or comprehension of the larger essence or meaning of something. The term is used to signify that the claimant has "found the last piece of the puzzle and now sees the whole picture," or has new information or experience, often insignificant by itself, that illuminates a deeper foundational frame of reference. The epiphany from Christmas is that the babe of Bethlehem was, in fact, God invading our world! The visit of the Magi was the proof that this birth was of world significance. Have you had your epiphany regarding Christmas? God invaded your world and wants to change everything about it.

The epiphany from this morning's text, James 4, is that our relationships within the body of Christ mean far more to God and to our overall spiritual health than we have yet realized. We have so much more to learn about what it means that we are the body of Christ. Because we are united to one another through Jesus Christ, the way in which we are in relationship with each other must be markedly different than the way that the world does relationships.

So as we begin this new year, the question that God's Word puts to us this morning is this: will we be thankful for the body of Christ and live in such a way that honors it?

Meditations for Worship

"New Year," Valley of Vision, Puritan Prayers

O Lord,

*Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed,
in thy presence, in thy service, to thy glory.*

*Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour,
that I may not be one moment apart from thee,
but may rely on thy Spirit
to supply every thought,
speak in every word,
direct every step,
build up every mote of faith,
and give me a desire
to show forth thy praise,
testify thy love,
advance thy kingdom.*

*I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year,
with thee, O Father, as my harbor,
thee, O Son as my helm,
thee, O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.*

*Guide me to heaven with my loins girt,
my lamp burning,
my ear open to thy calls,
my heart full of love,
my soul free.*

*Give me thy grace to sanctify me,
thy comforts to cheer,
thy wisdom to teach,
thy right hand to guide,
thy counsel to instruct,
thy law to judge,
thy presence to stabilize,*

*May thy fear be my awe,
thy triumphs my joy.*

Prelude

"Thanks Be to Thee"
Douglass McFarland, organist

G.F. Handel

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145: 5-7, 8

Minister: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder
the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you, my soul thirsts for
you like a parched land.

People: **Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

***Hymn of Adoration,**

"We Look Behind at All You've Done"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**We look behind at all You've done.
We trace the path on which we've come.
Holy Father, You are mercy!
Lord, everywhere we see Your hand,
The pattern of Your loving plan.
Holy Father, You are mercy!
Holy Father, You are mercy!
You are mercy!**

Through all the wanderings of life,
You daily lead us in the light.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Through all the sin we cannot hide,
You claim us as Your holy bride.
Loving Father, You are faithful!
Loving Father, You are faithful!
You are faithful!

We look ahead, O Lord, and see
A glimpse of all that is to be.
Mighty Father! You are reigning!
A future place you now prepare,
A glory vast, beyond compare!
Mighty Father! You are reigning!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*Affirmation of Faith from Psalm 90 and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Read: *"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God!"*

Sing: O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

Read: *You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night. The years of our life are seventy
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

Sing: A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone.
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Read: *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

Sing: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home!

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Dan Gardner, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"Fullness of Grace"

Townend



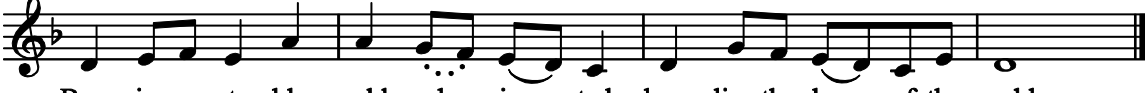
1. Full -ness of grace in man's hu-man fra - il - ty, this is the won-der of Je - sus.
2. Full -ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face_ of Je - sus.
3. Full -ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, prom-ise of God_ in Je - sus,



Lay - ing a-side His po - wer and glo - ry, hum-bly he en - tered our world.
Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu-man-i-ty walk-ing the Cal - va - ry road.
Through His o - be-dience we are for- giv - en open-ing the flood-gates of heav'n.



Chose the_ path of_ mean-est_ worth: scan-dal_ of a_ vir - gin birth.
Christ the_ ho - ly_ in - no - cent, took our_ sin and_ pun - ish-ment.
All our_hopes and_dreams we_bring glad - ly_ as an_ off - er - ing.



Born in a sta - ble, cold and re - jec - ted: here lies the hope of the world.
Full -ness of God, de - spised and re - ject - ed; Crushed for the sins_ of the world.
Full -ness of life and joy un - speak-a - ble; God's gift in love_ to the world.

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

*Doxology

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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.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Service of Friendship**

Mr. McCracken

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101.

Please locate the black Friendship Pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Reading**

James 3: 18-4:12
ESV Pew Bible, pg.1012

The Morning Sermon "Breaking Down Barriers to True Community"

From the sermon series: "James: The Community of Living Faith"

***Hymn of Response**

"Spirit of the Living God"

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer

A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Gardner

Lord, Your chosen dwelling place is in the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your face. We come to You now longing for Your presence and seeking Your face. Deepen within us the sense of shame and sorrow for the wrongs we have done, for the good we have left undone, and strengthen every desire to alter our lives according to Your holy will. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls, according to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

I John 1:5-7

Hear what sweet words of comfort the Lord gives to all those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

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

We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son, Jesus, to be the Light of the world. Therefore we adore you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name,

(singing)
Holy, Holy, Holy all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Thanksgiving Prayer and Words of Institution
(Followed by proclaiming boldly)

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

We serve wine during communion.

If you prefer grape juice, please take a purple cup at the center of the tray.

***Hymn of Departure, No. 358**

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

Vs. 1, 4-6

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.
Romans 11:35-36

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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