THOSE WHO persevere DREAM Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANAHEIM

INTROIT

The First Noel

arr. Don Neufeld

January 3, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

Take the journey that leads to the child.

Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.

HYMN NO.56 (v.1, 3, & 6) The First Noel

The First Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay; In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star, Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we love to worship you when the stars are bright above us. We love to worship you when the sky is clear, and the breeze just right. We love to worship you when the journey to Bethlehem is an easy one. Unfortunately, as you know, this journey of life, love, and faith is rarely easy. Now and again, the stars disappear. Our feet get blisters, and the journey is far too long and lonely. On these days, forgive us for giving up quickly. Forgive us for allowing the dream to die and for taking the shortcut home. We want to dare the journey like the Magi. We want to persevere. Guide our feet. Show us the stars. Amen.

ANTHEM

We Three Kings

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"Things Look Different by Starlight"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

Communion of the People

(Pastor Kim will invite you to eat whatever bread and juice/wine you have prepared)

HYMN NO.63 (vs. 1 & 4) As With Gladness Men of Old

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 by Thee.

Holy Jesus, everyday keep us in the narrow way; And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls to last Where they need no stars to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

arr. Chip Davis

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor David Hughes, Director of Music Carol Hughes, Accompanist AFPC Intern Choir Abbott Hatch, Video and Sound