

*Epiphany* **Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 3, 2016

Rev. Shelaine Bird

Guest Pianist: Dr. Andy Nevala

**Lay Reader** Virginia MacRae  
**Elder Greeter** Steve Underhill  
**Ushers** Virginia MacRae and Ryan Kirby  
**Servers:** Cospir Bell, Ethelyn Brown, Bonnie Seymour, and Don Seymour

## The Gathering

**First Ringing of the Bell** ☞ Music for Meditation

**Second Ringing of the Bell** ☞ Opening of the Bible

**Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Piano Selection*

**Call to Worship** *from John 8*

One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

**All:** **Whoever follows me will not walk in distress  
But will have the light of life.**

One: Let us gather around this holy light.

**All:** **Let us worship the Lord!**

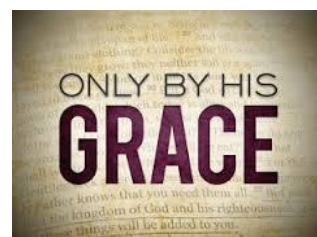
**Prayer of Adoration**

**†Hymn** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymnal #66

**†Call to Confession** Rev. Shelaine Bird

**†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 from our sin  
And baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
That, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
Shining in the face of Jesus. Amen.



**Personal Confession/Prayer**

**†Kyrie Eleison** *-All are invited to sing-* Hymnal # 572

**†Declaration of God's Grace**

**†The Gloria Patri**

*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.*

## Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** Ephesians 3:1-14 Lay Reader  
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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Shelaine Bird  
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**Sermon** **Wise** **Rev. Shelaine Bird**

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**†Hymn** *In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy* Hymnal #35

**†Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14  
Traditional

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Piano Selection*

**†Doxology**

*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**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**



**†Please stand if you are able.**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

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 ...**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest . . .**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is Risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

**†Breaking of the Bread**

**†Communion of the People**

**†Communion Prayer**

## The Sending

**†Hymn** *Still, Still, Still* Hymnal #47

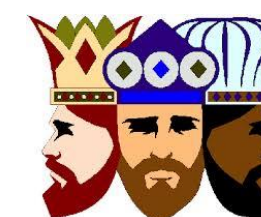
**†Charge and Benediction**

**†Hymn** *Song of Hope* Hymnal # 432  
*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love  
and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing  
light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful,  
when we hear Christ's call.*

**Postlude** *Piano Selection*



In the incarnation, we received the greatest gift, the gift of the Christ. That gift moves us to worship, to offer all that we are and all that we have to this gracious mystery. Christian worship is the bending of our lives to the grace of God that has become incarnate in our world as Jesus Christ.



## Welcome to Our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.

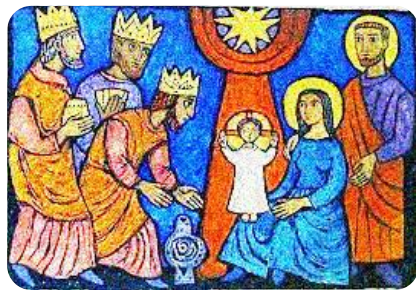
**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. The Pastor will receive requests before the Prayers of the People.

## Announcements

**Special Offering** - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

**Session Meeting** - The Session will meet next Sunday at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

Join us for our **Presbyterian Men and Women's Breakfast** next Saturday, January 9 at 9:30am. Margaret Pope will present our program. Bring your breakfast and join us. All are invited.



*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**Please keep the following people in your prayers.**

Scott Ballard  
 Autumn Campbell  
 The family of Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)  
 Dorothy DiBartolo  
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)  
 Gene Fair  
 Larry Fair  
 Charlie Firestine (childhood friend of Steve Underhill)  
 Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)  
 Lynsey Gillam  
 Rickey Gilley (of Piedmont)  
 Bobby Haynes  
 Marsha Kutzley  
 Roberta McWorter  
 Troy Mitchell  
 Carla Moses  
 Curtis Sasser  
 Ellen Simpson  
 Mary Stinson (friend of Bobby Haynes)  
 Sandra Underwood (friend of Bonnie Seymour)  
 Thompson Nash Wagoner  
 Marge Walters



**Next Sunday – January 10, 2016**

*David W. Hodnett*

### Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
 Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Elder Greeter

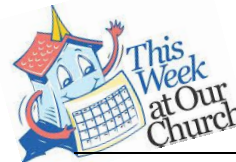
Steve Underhill

### Lay Reader

Ivan Ratzlaff

### Ushers

Ivan and Aileen Ratzlaff



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| <b>Today</b>       | 9:45am  | Sunday School                |
|                    | 10:30am | Between the hours fellowship |
|                    | 11:00am | Worship Service              |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 5:00pm  | Bible Study                  |
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**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Cospser Bell, Treasurer  
 Mary Furlow, Secretary**

### The Session

**Class of 2016**  
 Ethelyn Brown  
 Margaret Pope  
 Donald Seymour

**Class of 2017**  
 Cospser Bell  
 Bonnie Seymour  
 Steve Underhill

**Class of 2018**  
 Trish Ballard  
 Wayne Claeren  
 Jetta Manners

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