

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

The Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude

We Three Kings

John Hopkins, Jr.

Sunshine Singers

*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.*

*Glorious now, behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice;
alleluia, alleluia, earth to heaven replies. (Refrain)*

Call to Worship

God gathers us together in this place.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

God lifts the downtrodden and casts out wickedness.

Let us sing praise to the Lord.

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession

Restoring God,

teach us to steal away and pray.

We give thanks that you continue to heal.

You continue to cast out those things we ought not to have in us.

**Help us to perceive what you are doing among us, the we might learn your voice
among the many that call for our loyalty and be better equipped to do
the work you have for us.**

**Restore us to community and show us how to live in gratitude,
freed from the bondage of sin.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray silently.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

** Those who are able, please stand*

***Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond*

Assurance of Forgiveness
Hear the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Affirmation of Faith — from “The Heidelberg Catechism”

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Congregational Response 581 *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
**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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 34:1-3 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 508
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Virgil Thomson
Chancel Choir
Adapted from Psalm 23

Time with the Children
(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children’s Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 203 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 59
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Life’s Toughest Job” Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

*Hymn 408 *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Concerns of the Church
(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the “Give” tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Taste and See

arr. M. Choi

*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude Cantique

T. Dubois

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman and Rev. Pauline Sexton **Lay Leader:** Tom Maclin

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Norm Koester on the death of his son on January 16. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of our daughter, Tara, on her birthday by Roger and Ginny Riedley and her brother Chad; in loving memory of Tom’s brother, Jim, by Tom and Ginny Swartley; and in loving memory of Carole C. Tomlinson by John and Joy Tomlinson.

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to take place on Sunday, **February 4** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to: Elect Deacons and Ruling Elders for upcoming classes, approve changes to 2024 Terms of Call for eligible pastors, receive the 2023 financial report and the 2024 operating budget, and, if the way be clear, amend the congregational by-laws to update some of the language. Keep watch in your email for details soon.

In the spirit of worship, we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.

Inclement weather reminder. In the event of inclement weather or unsafe road conditions, a notice of cancellation of Sunday morning worship services and activities will be posted to www.dtownpc.org by 7 am.

SESSION

Moderator - Tom Kort **Clerk** - Doug Barnett

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Doug Barnett
Tanner Benson
Glenda Childs
Judy Chang Cody
Jenny Danzis
Jim Kmetzo
Caroline Rawlings
Janice Thomas
Katie Toner

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DeeDee Cox
Amy Edenson
Honor Ford
Kim Keller
Bob Maxwell
Kristen Roland

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Sue Haldeman
Jamie Hansen
Julie McCormack
Marty Starner
Mark Strasburg
Marilyn Weichman

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Moderator - Mark Chaikin

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Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort, *Transitional Pastor*

Rev. C. Rebecca Bateman, *Associate Pastor for Education and Family Ministries*

Rev. Pauline J. Sexton, *Pastoral Care Assistant*

Kira Adelman, *Nursery Worker*

Mina Choi, *Director of Youth Choir and Bells, Organist*

Megan Craig, *Interim Youth Director*

Sharon Cummings, *Children's Worship Time Instructor*

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Marco Derro, *Maintenance Engineer*

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Geri McMullin, *Director of Sunshine Singers (volunteer)*

Christian Menno, *Director of Communications*

Jason Moore, *Director of Music and the Arts*

Lina Richards, *Director of Finances and Operations*

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