



ORDER OF WORSHIP

**January 8, AD 2023
Epiphany Sunday
11 am**



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Whitney Alexander

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arranged by Michael Burkhardt
Steve Gustafson, accompanist

***Call to Worship**

Epiphany means appearing. What was hidden gets made known. On Epiphany Sunday we remember three early ways Jesus’ identity was revealed.

Soon after his birth, the light of the star led the wise men to Jesus. As they opened their gifts, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

At the beginning of his ministry, in the waters of his baptism, the Father’s voice revealed Jesus as the Beloved Son.

At Christ’s first miracle, in the water made wine, the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

So in the appearing of Jesus in the flesh, by the light of the star, the voice of the Father and the turning of the ordinary into the extraordinary, we see revealed Immanuel, God with us.

In Christ, the best is yet to come. So at the start of a new year, we rise to sing Alleluia, amen, come Lord Jesus!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 163 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

DIX

***Blessing God**

Infant Baptism

William Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Parents are Rebecca and Allen Jenkins

Sponsoring Elder is Pat Canfield

Sister is Cece

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Offertory

"Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor" by G.F. Handel
Dedrian Hogan, conductor

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, thou, my friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring,
At thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee,
By thy love I am invited, be thy love with love requited;
From the supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts thou here dost give me as thy guest in heav'n receive me.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

***Response Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 334 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

ARISE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

John 2: 1-12

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Water to Wine"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 92 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

Pastoral Prayer and 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.



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arranged by Paul Manz

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen and John Waldie, parents of Joann Thurston, and Robert Moore Thurston, father of Scott Thurston, given by Joann and Scott Thurston.

*Scripture for Next Week: John 2: 13-25
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

In Two Weeks! Discover First Dinner January 22. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie (emily@fpcbr.org).

Just 26 Days Until: 5 Mysteries in John! We're having a Stay-Treat—that means you get to sleep at home, but still spend a few hours in fellowship with others and reflection on the Word. A stellar team of mystery presenters will lead us to consider 5 treasures of the person of Jesus revealed in John. Friday night February 3 and Saturday morning February 4. There's even a kids track! Details to come.

Youth Studies Resume! Sunday night: MS at the church 5-6.30 and HS at the Pourciaus' (7335 Sevenoaks) 6-7.30. Paradigm (HS) is at Jessica Saffel's (7622 Lane's End) from 6.30-8 on Tuesday. Pursuit (MS) is at the Civellos' (7019 Moniteau Ct.) from 6.30-7.30 on Wednesday.

HS Seniors Class with Gerrit. Starting January 22, Gerrit will hold his world-famous senior Sunday school classes. These classes will take place in Gerrit's office each Sunday from January 22 to February 12. All high school seniors are invited.

Fly Fishing Trip Dates Confirmed. Men's Ministry has confirmed March 2-5 for a Fly Fishing Spiritual retreat. Please contact Darin if interested (darin@fpcbr.org). Details to come.

MDO Registration. FPC church member families may register for the 2023-2024 MDO year beginning Monday, January 23. Please contact Whitney Weiner via email (mdo@fpcbr.org) or call 225.620.0245 for more information.

Faith Driven Entrepreneur Small Group Forming. Starting Friday, January 13, Mike Norris will begin an 8-week foundational study exploring what it means to let faith lead your business. Those interested in learning more about the group may contact Mike (mike@workcompdude.com).

Journey's SS Class. Join us as we study Tim Keller's, *Forgiveness: Why Should I and How Can I?* We'll begin January 8 and continue for 10-12 weeks. Meet us in SB 219 at 10.10 am.

Daughters of the King, January 22. The Daughters of the King Ministry desires to build community for single/divorced women in pursuit of a God-ordained identity for hope and abundance in the Lord. Please contact Sara Green Mele or Melissa Miley for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, January 22 from 5-6.30 pm in the Library. Dinner will be provided!

Baptism at 9 am This Morning. At 9 am, Lucy Clare Rodeheaver was baptized. Congratulations to the Rodeheaver family.



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