



*“After being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.”  
Matthew 2:22*

**January 1, 2017**

*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

## **Celebration of Worship**

\* If you are able, please stand.

### **Prelude**

Meditation

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Kevin Graf, organ

### \* **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

Elizabeth Bruen

Leader: God’s glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!

**People: With all creation, we rejoice in God made flesh, Emmanuel.**

Leader: The star is in the sky, showing us the way.

**People: We follow where God leads us, trusting in Christ’s light.**

### \* **Hymn 26**

Earth and All Stars!

*Earth and All Stars*

### **Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Sarah Green

#### **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children and given us this earth as our home. We confess that we have not loved you or your gifts as we should. We turn away from your purposes and plans of redemption for all creation. We abuse the earth for our own gain and allow our apathy to convince us that this isn’t really a problem. We grow weary and give up when living another way is hard. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace with all beings. Reshape us according to your vision; through Jesus Christ, our newborn King. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 551**

Lord, Have Mercy

*Land of Rest*

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

**Leader:** God's love and mercy redeem us. The Lord lifts us up and carries us, our Savior in all distress.

**People:** **We trust that Christ's very presence saves us. Through the abundance of his steadfast love, we are forgiven and set free.**

**\* Response: Hymn 113, *refrain*** Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

Nathan Wood

**Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 148

(Old Testament, page 550)

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 2:13-23

(New Testament, page 2)

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Driven by a Dream”

Rev. Green

**\* Hymn 679**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

*Salzburg*

**Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Prayer cards will be collected with the offering. Offerings can also be made online through our website.)*

**Offertory**

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Flor Peeters

**\* Doxology Hymn 610, v.5**

*Azmon*

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

**\* Prayer of Dedication & Commissioning of Mission Team**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Creator of the evergreens, the mountains, and the rain be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts to the God of the salmon, the beaver, and the deer.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord of the waterfall, the river, and the ocean.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The leader continues...*

...So with the whole creation, the camas and the pine, the hummingbird and the eagle, the bear and the otter, we sing:

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The leader continues...*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The leader continues...*

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

## Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*(Communion will be served by intinction, in which you tear a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.  
The station by the baptismal font is gluten free.)*

### Communion 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.**

**\* Hymn 159**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*Kingsfold*

**\* Benediction**

### Postlude

Prelude in C major, BWV553

Kevin Graf, organ

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Participating in the service today are the Reverend Sarah Green; and Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar. The acolytes are Elizabeth Bruen and Nathan Wood.

**GREETERS:** Lena Fermani and Vicky Willson

**USHERS:** Bob Davies, head usher; Nancy Niemann, Marilynn Hummer

**THE POINSETTIAS** for Christmas are funded by gifts from members and friends of the Presbyterian Church. The names of those honored are listed in a booklet available on the literature tables. PLEASE TAKE ONE OR TWO HOME WITH YOU TODAY!!

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

**OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

**Sunday, Jan. 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)

**Monday, Jan. 2**

*Office closed. No open meetings today.*

**Tuesday, Jan. 3**

8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**

4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group  
4:15 p.m. Midweek  
4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia  
5:05 p.m. Bel Canto  
6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Sheffield Hall)  
6:05 p.m. Tower Choir  
6:30 p.m. Small Group – N. Verhoef  
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

**Thursday, Jan. 5**

9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Friday, Jan. 6**

*Office closes at noon.*

9:00 a.m. AAA

9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)

**Saturday, Jan. 7**

10:00 a.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal

**Sunday, Jan. 8**

7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)  
11:15 a.m. College Student Brunch

**Welcome home College Students!**

Join us today for brunch after church and catch up with your youth group friends at The Office in Morristown Cost: around \$20

# WELCOME

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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**Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.**

## **Visiting with Children?**

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

## **Special Needs?**

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

## **Please come again**

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship are suspended for the icy months. Both will resume on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**



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