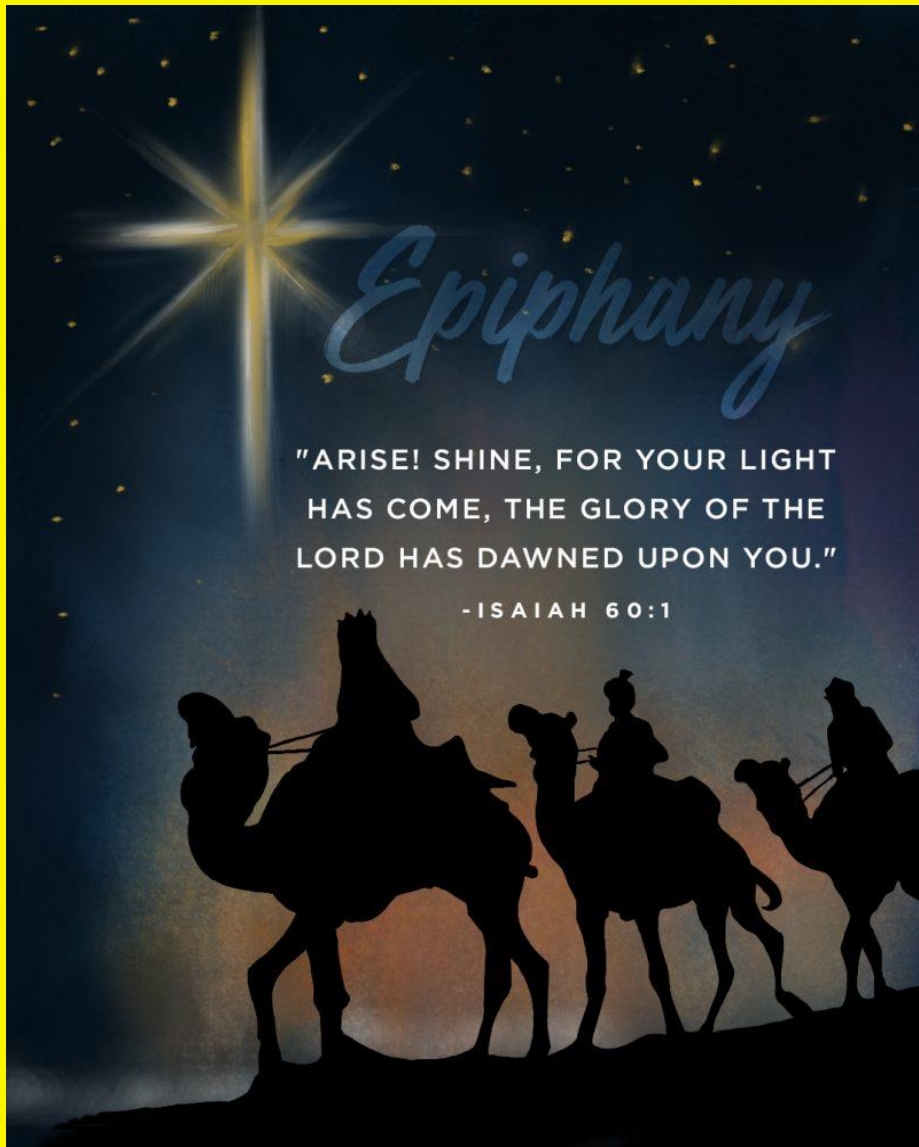


FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



JANUARY 2, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

***Welcome to Peace – We're glad you found us!
Your presence here enriches our community.***

The feast of Epiphany the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

ELW #301 vs. 1-2

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star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

GREETING

P The grace of our Incarnate Lord, the love of God
And the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

GLORIA

Congregation:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and




peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

(Refrain begins)




You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;

To refrain




all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)



All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,

To refrain



ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Helen Hundley

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel*

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king.
Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Erik

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 night; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty

bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW #279

♪ **O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us our Lord Immanuel**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious God,
C your son Jesus, the Word-made-flesh, brings renewed hope to the world.
As we offer ourselves with these gifts, help us to embody the hope he brings
to all the suffering ones who long for safety and have no place to lay their heads.
In his name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
C Amen.

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A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

There's a Song In the Air

Josiah Holland



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Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 9

Adult Education classes resume via ZOOM on January 9 @ 8:15am. Our topic will be the book: *"NATURAL GRACE - The Charm, Wonder, & Lessons of Pacific Northwest Animals and Plants,"* by William Dietrich. Please acquire your own copy. If you would like to participate, but have not yet done so, let Pastor Erik know via email and he'll add you to the list so you receive a ZOOM invite.

All Sunday School/Faith Formation classes also resume on January 9.

The January Confirmation Class will be held from 3-5:45pm on January 9. During this session we'll dive into the book of Exodus. Students may come early, at 2:40, to hangout before class. Parents are invited at 5:30 for class recap and announcements. The February class will be held on February 6.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 30, 2022

Sunday, January 30, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar!

We'll have both in-person and remote options available for participation.

Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 4** – All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!)
- **JANUARY 18** – Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting agenda and draft budget.
- **JANUARY 23** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 30** – Annual Meeting following worship, in-person and online via Zoom/YouTube.

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

There are several leadership positions on the Council opening up this month. The council meets on the third Tuesday of each month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church.

We need you! If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Heidi Eilers, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 30th.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Jim Baker; Al Bartol; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Deyhdra Dennis-Weiss; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Doug Hauger; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Kristofer Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smaliding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman

Homebound: Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff

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