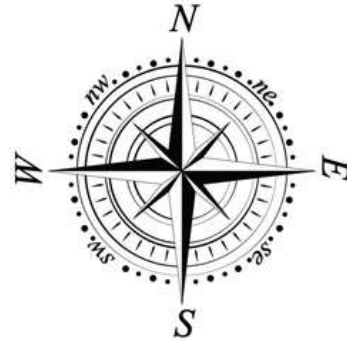


The CHURCH of the COVENANT



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017, 10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

GEORGE LEGGIERO, CARILLONNEUR

PRELUDE *Wie schön leucht uns der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223*
(How brightly shines the morning star)

DIETERICH BUXTEHUDE
Abraham Ross, organ

WELCOME

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

* CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

INTROIT *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET
The Covenant Choir

O morning star, how fair and bright! Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Savior, thou has won my heart to serve thee solely. Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

KEVIN J. LOWRY

One: Let us kneel in the darkness,

All: **Until we see God's light emerge.**

Let us wait with hope filled hearts,

As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.

Let him speak to us and teach us love,

Until we open our hearts to be his home. Let us worship God!

* HYMN 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Stanzas: 1: All Voices; 2: Upper Voices; 3: Lower Voices; 4: The Choir; 5: All Voices

Each refrain is sung by all voices.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

CHRIS LANGMACK

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, in this season of giving, forgive us for not giving of ourselves. We are too often self-absorbed that we miss the opportunities to be true ministers of your faith.

Forgive us for not giving succor to the sick.

Forgive us for not giving hope to the oppressed.

Forgive us for not giving voice to speak out against injustice.

Forgive us for not giving love to our neighbors.

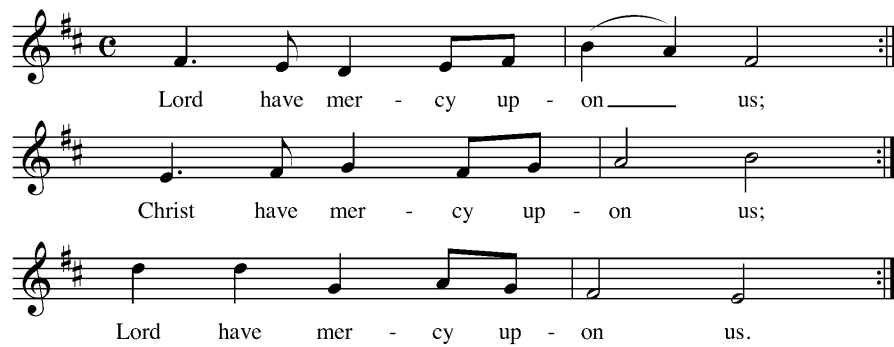
You have shown us how to be good Christians and yet we choose to ignore your teachings. Help us to be more loving and giving. We ask this in the name of your gift to us, your son, Jesus Christ.

* PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

* KYRIE

JONATHAN MOYER

All are invited to sing.



Lord have mer - cy up - on us;

Christ have mer - cy up - on us;

Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins, for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is plenteous redemption.
Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA

Hymn 23, refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 60:1-6

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINDY STEWART

Children kindergarten-7th grade are invited to a worship space just for them. Child-friendly bulletins and creative worship materials are provided. While all children are more than welcome to remain in the service, we have a nursery for infants through pre-kindergarten children. Ask an usher for directions.

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Guided

THE REV. AMY STARR REDWINE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

JOHN GARDNER
The Covenant Choir

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining, Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and monarch and Savior of all.
Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, Odors of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?
Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration, Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Presbyterian Church (USA) observes open communion. All who confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Sovereign and Savior, as well as their children, are invited to partake. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by passing.

INVITATION

REV. MELANIE MARSH BAUM

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give both thanks and praise....

SANCTUS

FRANZ SCHUBERT

The Covenant Choir

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.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AMY STARR REDWINE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

Please partake of the bread whenever it is appropriate for you. Gluten-free bread is available in the paper cups on each plate.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 69

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

HYMN 62

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

EPIPHANY SONG

HYMN 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

Please hold the cup so that we may partake together, as a sign of our unity in Christ. To symbolize our calling to minister to one another, as you pass the tray of cups to the person seated beside you, please say, "May the Spirit of God be with you." As you are served, please respond, "And with you also." The wine of communion is unfermented grape juice.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Adeste Fidelis'

PETER DICKINSON

Jonathan Moyer, organ

Please be mindful of those who remain seated to listen. Thank you!

A Stephen minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

CARILLON POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on 'Ein' Feste Burg'

LEEN 'T HART

George Leggiero

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us at the Church of the Covenant. For more information, visit our website at CovenantWeb.org or call the church office at 216.421.0482.

Today

MUSIC REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 8:00

CRÈCHE NURSERY, Education Wing, 9:30

WORSHIP, Sanctuary, 10:00

CHILDREN YOUTH, Yost Chapel, 11:15

STEPHEN MINISTERS, Herrick Room, 9:00

CARILLON AND ORGAN PRELUDE, 9:45

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP, Reception Room, 11:00

HEALING CIRCLE, Sonia Golden Room, 12:30

CONFIRMATION CLASS, Off-Site, 4:00

WELCOME UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Meet Kevin Lowry, Chaplain to Students, in the main entrance after our service. To learn more: KLowry@CovenantWeb.org, 216.421.0482, ext. 236; CovenantStudentMinistries.org.

✚ OUR LAY WORSHIP LEADER is Chris Langmack, who is a lifelong member of the Covenant. Chris has served as a deacon and trustee and is currently serving on Session and the Personnel Committee, Organ Committee, Lower Level Committee and Building and Grounds. He lives in Cleveland Heights with his wife of 50 years, Marilyn. They have two married daughters and 4 grandchildren.

✚ USHERS TODAY are Keith Kallay, Martha Goble, and Marie and Raymond Jones. Greeting are Dan and Karin Garland. **Serving Communion** are Bob Ault, Cathy Luck, Stephanie Johnson, Lucy Matz, Patty Fowler, Clint Fowler; Kevin Lowry; and Mindy Stewart.

✚ OUR MUSIC features two prominent hymns for the Epiphany. The first *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* was written by Philipp Nicolai in 1597 (org. German, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*), author of the famous Advent hymn *Sleepers Wake*. The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 45 with a metaphorical expression of Jesus as the morning star. The 19th century hymn *Brightest and Best of the Son of the Morning* by Reginal Heber (author of *Holy, Holy, Holy*) is presented in an alternate choral anthem setting by British composer John Gardner (1917-2011).

✚ WE PRAY FOR Don Norris (friend of Tom and Cheri Keys), Judy Bourne, Andrew Bullen (Melanie Marsh Baum's cousin), Akeya Clark (Marie Jones' niece), Norma Cowan (friend of Dan and Karin Garland from Boulevard Presbyterian Church), Rich Day (friend of Bill Braun & Cathy Luck), Anne Wombwell deConingh, Marlene Finkenthal (David Finkenthal's mother), Eliseo Hairston (Shirley Thompson's grandson deployed to the Pacific), Greg Madison, Navy Seal Luke McClain (Dr. bert Campbell's nephew, new father of twins, just deployed), Elizabeth Mierke, Ward Porch, Daniel Straffon (Cary Arden's grandson traveling to Myanmar), Tom SkROUT (Stephanie Pennza's father), Liam Stewart (Mindy Stewart's nephew), Doug Weiss (Ann Williams' friend), and Sue Salvatore. Our sympathies and prayers are extended to the family of Phyllis Koons, who died on Tuesday in Cleveland, and to the Haiss-Bromelmeier family on the death of Fritz's mother, Anne Marie Haiss, who died on Wednesday at the age of 95. We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or are homebound; the patients, family, and staff in our surrounding hospitals; and those who have placed prayer requests in our Carpenter's Box.

✚ A TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 10:00 AM
Covenant pastors Melanie Marsh Baum and Amy Starr Redwine will present a dialogue sermon titled "On the Basis of Love," putting themes of Martin Luther King Jr's life and writings in conversation with scriptures. The Cleveland School of the Arts' R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Choir, Dr. William Woods, director, will be participating in the service along with the Covenant Choir.

✚ HOMELESS STAND DOWN, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20. PLEASE BRING ITEMS BY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17
We are again collecting for the Homeless Stand Down. Please bring your donations to the church office: **new/gently used** waterproof boots, winter coats, reusable shopping bags; **new only** athletic socks, adult waterproof gloves, kids and adult size hooded sweatshirts, and adult knit hats.

