

Epiphany

FROM GENERATION  
TO GENERATION...



THE GOLDEN PILGRIMAGE by Carmelle Beaugelin

*Westminster*  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

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Sunday, January 1, 2023 • 10 a.m. Service  
*\*Please stand in body or spirit.* • **BOLD** text is sung or spoken in unison.

## PRELUDE

*It's Christmas*

## CALL TO WORSHIP - (Based on Psalm 148)

Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

**Praise God!**

All of you who are his messengers and comprise his heavenly forces!

**Praise God!**

Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

**Praise God!**

Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created!

**God set them in place always and forever.**

God made a law that will not be broken.

**Let us worship the Living God!**

## \*HYMN

*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith, become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

## *\*Prayer of Confession - (By Thomas Merton)*

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends us his Son to save us. In love and mercy, God has redeemed us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Light of the Stable*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER**

O Lord, teach us to follow you just as the magic followed that star faithfully and remind us that you have given us what we need to serve you and your kingdom. May these gifts serve to guide yet others to the manger of the Savior as well. May they serve to build up community and heal our world. Amen.

## *Offertory*

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of love and wisdom, open our hearts to your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of your grace build our whole lives long that we may sing your praise with our whole being. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

## **SERMON**

*Follow the Star*

Rev. Angela Ryo

## **\*HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

## **\*BENEDICTION**



# WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

## **Weekly Concerns**

*Prayers for relief/healing/other*

Mario Bravo-92 years old, brain bleed  
(friend/Barbie Cook)

Rachel Cook-macular degeneration and  
abdominal surgery (family/Barbie Cook)

Betty Curvey- recovering/shoulder surgery  
Family of Dan Fieldhouse  
(friend/Shirley Golden)

Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)

Koenes, Leonard- nerve pain/Shingles

Medd Family (friend/Karen Comstock)

Kim Piekarski- breast cancer  
(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)

## **Continuing Care & Prayers**

Anderson Family (passing of John)

Ron Allen

Lou Anselmo

Jean Armstrong

Buddy Borbely

Morgan Borbely Orrick

Tom Brown

Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)

Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Ped-  
rick)

Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)

Mike & Terri Feege/Fehring

Taddy Ferguson (sister of Gene Estill)

Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)

## **Continuing Care & Prayers**

Mary Lou Feist (Family/Cheryl Anderson)

Ed Harrison

Don Hill

Kim Karlen

Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)

Mary Kopasz

Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)

Joe McDaniel

Hunter Mitchell- return of brain cancer  
(friend/Diane Hart-Coons)

Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)

Denny Orr

Pedrick family

Abigail Poerio (Niece of Sue Cook)

Eugene Pidzarko

Nancy & Terry Quinn

Robbins Family

Jeff Rothstein (friend of Sandy Baker)

Laura Shields-surgery

Jim Siergey-surgery

Richard Simkins

Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)

Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)

Sally VanBokkelen

Robin Webber- health concerns

Yackel Family (passing of Erna)

Jim Yackel-surgery

Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf

(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

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