

January 5th, 2025

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Sonata in A Major-Theme

W.A. Mozart

Lighting of the Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise and awaken, children of God!

People: For our light has come, and the glory of the Holy One shines out!

Leader: Lift up your eyes! Look around you!

People: The people gather together – the people of all nations come together to worship God

Leader: You shall see and shall shine with God's light

People: Let us rejoice and praise God, whose love shines forth into the world. Amen.

***Hymn #744** Arise, the Light is Come

Call to Confession

Leader: We are entering the season of Epiphany, a season of discovery and new insight, a season when the true nature of God's Christmas gift reveals itself. Surprised that what we have received intends to change the course and outlook of our lives, we confess a sudden urge to pack it up and move on. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Radiant Light, having sent your gift into the world embodied in the infant Jesus, we are left wondering what to do with him. He is a bit of an uncomfortable revelation. He calls us to wisdom over ignorance, truth over falsehood, hope over despair, growth over stagnation, and redemption over condemnation. We are intimidated by the ambition of your gracious activity in and through Christ. You call us to believe in something far more impactful than we anticipated, and now, possessing the gift of the Savior, we are unsure how

to steward so powerful a gift. Forgive us, merciful God, and use this season to help us discover how to fully embrace all you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of Gospel truth from 1 John 1:7: “If we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin.”

People: The Light of God has come into the world. We choose to be people who follow the divine light!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 page 690 OT
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Children’s Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

Passing the Peace

***Hymn #151** We Three Kings

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 page 2 NT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon “More Light”

Giftng of Star Words

Offering

Offertory Sonata in A Major-Variation I W.A. Mozart

*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Prayer continues...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together. Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, may your gift of embodied grace in Jesus Christ continue to reveal itself in our lives. As we learn to follow your wisdom and be guided by your love, may we become your light for others, revealing your goodness and righteousness. Amen.

***Hymn** #152 What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright

Benediction

Postlude Sonata in A Major-Variation III W.A. Mozart

*The flowers today are in loving memory of Dr Joseph Davies III
from his wife Joyce.*

Worship Leaders

Pastor:

Rev. Katja Gruening

Director of Music Ministries:

Marcello Velame

Director of Youth and Family Ministries:

Sherri Laberdee

Liturgist:

Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth

Ushers:

Diane Suarez

Cari Suarez

Zoom Hosts:

John Palframan

Rich Vodhanel

Social Hour

Church & Society

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born.
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

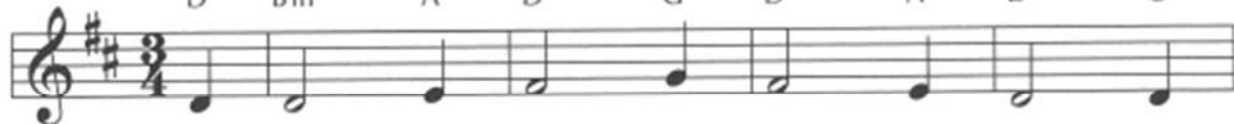
O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

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

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A



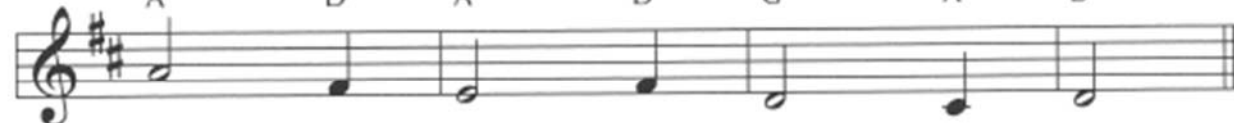
love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed"; and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D



ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

6	JAN, MON	● 1:30 – 2:30pm	Church & Society (TR)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
7	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (TR)
8	JAN, WED	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani Bible Study (TR)
9	JAN, THU	● 12:30 – 1pm	Homesteaders yoga - FH
		● 1 – 3pm	Homesteaders - FH
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
10	JAN, FRI	● 3 – 4:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (TR)
11	JAN, SAT	● 12:30 – 1:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
12	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Getsemani Worship (FH)