



WELCOME TO
Greenhills Community Church,
Presbyterian

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January 9, 2022
First Sunday after Epiphany

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[* At this sign, please rise in body or in spirit;

bold indicates congregation's responses.]

Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation

Liturgist: Betty Hamilton

Preludes

What Child Is This?

arr. by Bastien

Minerva Hill, piano

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. by H. Helvey

Brad Caldwell, piano

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 60: 1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's Praise among the nations.

*Hymn #146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Call to Reconciliation

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God.

*Response #583

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA

The Peace

May we be a channel of Christ's peace: sowing love where there is hatred, pardon where there is injury, and true faith when there is doubt. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-6

NRSV OT, p. 690

Musical Offering *His Name So Sweet* Hal Johnson
Monique Wallace, mezzo-soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano

Second Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV NT, p. 2

Sermon *Show Up* Dr. Lisa Allgood

***Hymn # 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings/ Giving Thanks to God

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

God intends to unite all creation, so that all may share in the promises of God's new reign. Therefore with gratitude and joy, let us render tributes and bring gifts, for we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ.

Offertory *The Star Carol* Alfred Burt
Cari Sullivan, soprano; Brad Caldwell, piano

***Doxology #606** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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 #150** *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *I Am the Light of the World* Jim Strathdee
Bob Sanders and Paul Odegard

The postlude this morning is a song based on the poem below by Howard Thurman. Thurman was an author, theologian, and civil rights activist who greatly influenced Martin Luther King and others with his ideas on radical non-violence (which he obtained in personal meetings with Mahatma Ghandi) and other ideas in his book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*.

The Work of Christmas
by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

From *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*, by Howard Thurman.

Sources: *Feasting on the Word*

Participants:

Guest Preacher: Lisa Allgood

Liturgist: Betty Hamilton

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Ushers: Al Hamilton, Chris Newcomer

Sound: Cliff Kizuka & Jim Hadley

Greeters: Jim & Dot Keith

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

Counters: Al Hamilton, Cliff Kizuka

Announcements

Sunday, January 23: Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Even though there is no official business to be done, it is a great opportunity to review the past year and look ahead to 2022. It is also an excellent chance to let your Session know what is on your mind, as well as to hear what they are thinking.