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January 6, 2019
Epiphany Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Today is Epiphany Sunday in the church calendar. The word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “manifestation or appearance.” In church history this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi.

What is the significance of the Epiphany of our Lord? We simply cannot know the Lord in a saving way apart from Him revealing Himself to us. The Apostle Paul writes to Titus, “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy” (3-4a).

It is fitting then, this Sunday begins our “Gospel Priorities” series. During the month of January, our hope as a Church is to learn more about what it means to display the glory of Christ to a dying world through our unity in diversity (Ephesians 2:11-3:6) and our seeking to make Earth as it is in Heaven.

*O Lord, in this new year, unveil Your beauty
to our sight that we might love You more.
Grant us the blessing of remaining faithful to Your mission
and our divinely-appointed tasks.*

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD’S GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying” J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Speak, O Lord” arr. Mary McDonald
Samuel Metzger, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Barton Kimbro

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” MARION

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

Arise, arise, arise, your light is come!

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-7 Marjorie Bowman (8:15)
Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

**He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.**

He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

**Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:**

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

**to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

✠DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD’S GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of shalom,
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your names’ sake.
Yet we have strayed from Your way:
You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice;
we gave You a whisper that we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty;
we closed them, for we did not want to see.
You asked for our lives, that You might work through us;
we gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You
only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin
and to rise daily to new life in Christ.
Renew us and send us out as usable instruments of grace
that we may take seriously the meaning of Your cross.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. John 8:12

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. John Rutter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
 Be Thou my best Thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
 Be Thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
 Be Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
 Be Thou my whole armor, be Thou my true might;
 Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
 O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
 Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
 O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Women's Choir
 Christy Young, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Josh Preston

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD'S WILL

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**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 OF PREPARATION: "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



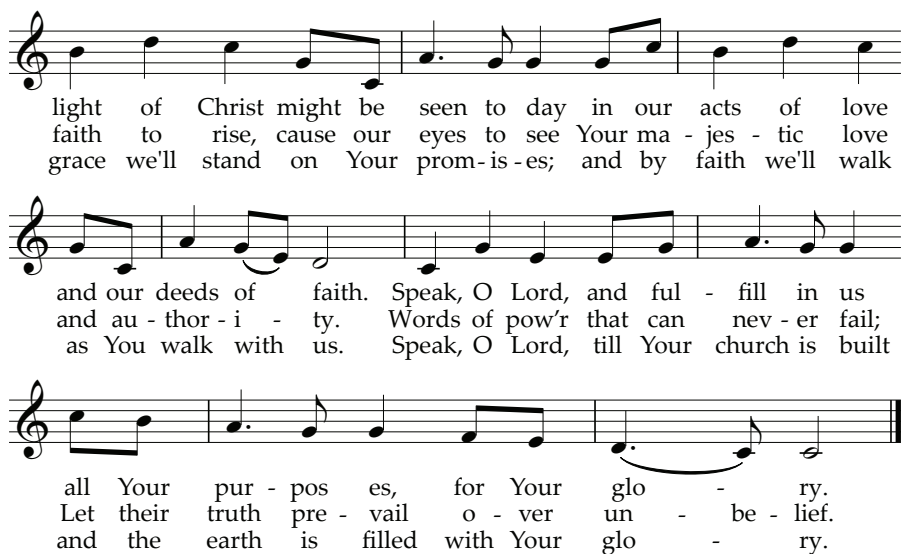
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights



of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
 true hu - mil - i ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
 of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time,



Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
 in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to day in our acts of love
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love
 grace we'll stand on Your prom-is-es; and by faith we'll walk
 and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
 and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;
 as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
 all Your pur - pos es, for Your glo - ry.
 Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:41-50
 (page 845 in the pew Bible)

SERMON *Limping on to Glory Together* Irwyn Ince

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 693 "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" ... Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Bock

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Gospel Priorities

Each Sunday in January, a guest pastor will address themes from Martin Luther King's sermon on Luke 4:18-19 during morning and evening worship.

Our Speaker Today

Irwyn Ince serves as a pastor in the Grace DC Network of churches in Washington, D.C. He also serves as the Director of the Grace D.C. Network Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from The City College of NY, a Master of Arts degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Covenant Theological Seminary. He has contributed to the books *Heal Us, Emmanuel: A Call for Racial Reconciliation, Representation, and Unity in the Church*, and *All Are Welcome: Toward a Multi-Everything Church*.

Dr. Ince will return at 6:00 p.m. for the Sunday Night Worship Service in the Sanctuary. We invite you to worship with us.

Upcoming Speakers

January 13: Juan Sanchez, Pastor of High Pointe Baptist in Austin, TX

January 20: Alex Shipman, Pastor at Village Church in Huntsville, AL

January 27: Stephen Ro, Pastor at Living Fatih in Queens, NY