

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

(The congregation is asked to pray for the blessing of God upon this service.)

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

PRELUDE *In Thee is Gladness* Marcel Dupré

INTROIT *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
The Sanctuary Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†OPENING HYMN, No. 63 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory,
You sent us Jesus Christ as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence)

KYRIE ELEISON, No. 572 Congregation and Choir
**Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet one another saying: ***“The peace of Christ be with you.”*** Respond by saying: ***“And also with you.”***
(Children are invited to come forward now for A Time with Children.)

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Karen Yoder Day
Children, ages 2-3 yrs. who will be going to Extended Session and children, ages 4–first grade who will be in the The Worship Center, may exit at this time through the right front door, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

Leader: As you depart from us now, the children of God say:

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6
Pew Bible, page 649; large print, page 844
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *The Old Year Now Away is Fled* GREENSLEEVES
The Sanctuary Choir arr. Richard Peek

The old year now away is fled, The new year it is entered; Then let us now our sins downtread, And joyfully all appear: Let's merry be this day, And let us now both sport and play: Hang grief, cast care away! God grant us a happy New Year! The nameday now of Christ we keep, Who for our sins did often weep; His hands and feet were wounded deep, And his blessed side with a spear;	His head they crowned with thorn, And at him they did laugh and scorn, Who for our good was born: God grant us a happy New Year! And now with New Year's gifts each friend Unto each other they do send: God grant we may all our lives amend, And that the truth may appear. Now like the serpent's skin, Cast off all evil thoughts and sin, And so the year begin: God grant us a happy New Year!
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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-6
Pew Bible, page 1; large print, page 2
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Catching Notice* Rev. Pendleton Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (ecumenical)
Hymnal, Page 15

†HYMN, No. 513 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
LET US BREAK BREAD

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice* Paul Manz

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

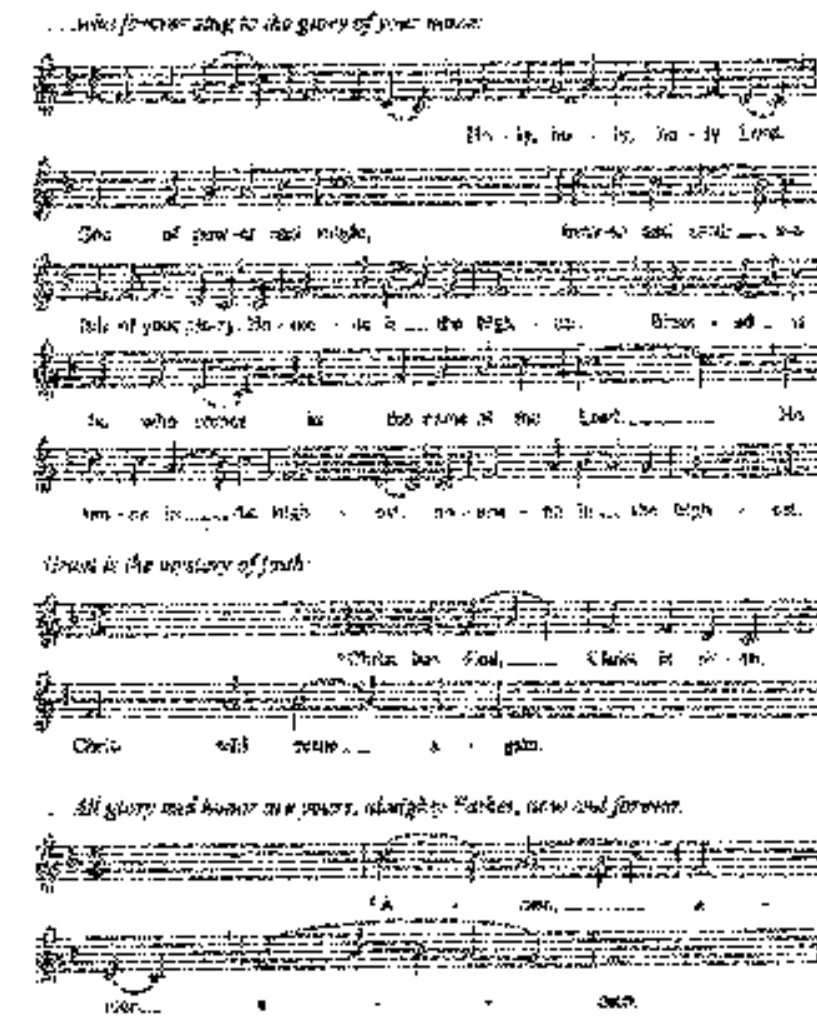
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

†HYMN, No. 411 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* FESTAL SONG

†CHARGE AND BEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN No.23
Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA
The Congregation and Choir

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Cole Main
by Julie Main Roper.

Elder Reader: Bruce Henderson
Ushers: Denise Hiller, David Hiller, Sammy Guy, Terrel Sugar,
Eric Gnann, Doug Caulkins
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WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers. Nursery: Room CE-106; Extended Session during 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 2 yrs.—3 yrs.: Room CE-105 and The Worship Center for ages 4 yrs.—first grade: Room CE-113.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Bibles are available for use during worship; they are found at the end of every pew. We also provide **Worship Bags** designed for children elementary age and younger. The worship bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances to the sanctuary. Please return them after the service.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT

A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
January 2, 2011
Epiphany Sunday

The Magi

Now as at all times | can see in the mind's eye,
In their stiff, painted clothes, the pale unsatisfied ones
Appear and disappear in the blue depths of the sky
With all their ancient faces like rain-beaten stones,
And all their helms of silver hovering side by side,
And all their eyes still fixed, hoping to find once more,
Being by Calvary's turbulence unsatisfied,
The uncontrollable mystery on the bestial floor.

-William Butler Yeats

Our Mission

Responding to God's grace and building upon the strength of our Reformed tradition, we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, seek to: Proclaim joyfully the Good News, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; live as a welcoming and nurturing community of faith through worship, prayer, study and fellowship; and serve others - at home and beyond our community with love, compassion, respect, justice and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ and after His example. May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.