

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12
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The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 151 *Kings Of Orient*
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory Arr. Bob Walters
"We Three Kings"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *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.**

*Offertory Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary Charles Callahan
"Polish Carol"

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 152 *Puer Nobis Nascitur*
"What Star is This with Beams So Bright"

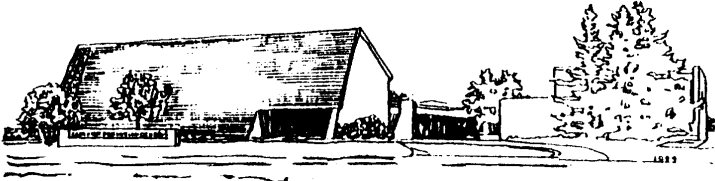
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Congregational Response 136 Refrain *Go Tell It*
**Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**


*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you


*Closing Voluntary Johann Pachelbel
"Toccata in E Minor"



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WENT BEFORE THEM





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January 5, 2020 10:40 A.M.

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)***

Opening Voluntary Helmut Walcha
“In Bethlehem’s Stable”

We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

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