

Announcements

January 2, 2022

We pray for: Ann Potteiger and her husband (Ron), Heather Holben, The Davisons, Rex Felton, Nancy Cook, Faye Lyon, Joyce McClellan (Willows), The McQuistions, Tom Harrold, Jack Myers, those with Covid.

- ◆ Welcome to this space and this time set aside for worshipping God together. We are incredibly grateful to return to this space full of the stories of God's faithfulness. All are welcome here! Our session strongly recommends masks and distancing inside the building. Let's keep each other healthy and protect our neighbors.
- ◆ Worship is also being broadcast live on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/FPC.Tiffin/](https://www.facebook.com/FPC.Tiffin/). See the worship services on our website at [fpctiffin.org/worship](https://www.fpctiffin.org/worship).
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Campbell Holben (1/7), Eden Stephey (1/8). May God bless you!
- ◆ Please join us in celebrating our January birthdays by signing the cards in the Narthex.
- ◆ Liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC, unless noted.
- ◆ The Giving Tree is up through today! Please place diapers and Pull-Ups for the Pantry under the tree in the Narthex. We need sizes 4 & up, including pull-ups!
- ◆ Please remember to turn in your 2022 pledge cards so we can know how to budget for the coming year.
- ◆ The office will be closed tomorrow for the holidays.
- ◆ After Epiphany service today we will be taking down decorations.
- ◆ Join us on 1/9 for the installation of elders and celebrating our baptisms!
- ◆ Next Sunday during worship we are asking everyone to fill out and bring a paper about their baptisms. Bring pictures of your baptism and any special symbols you have - a baptism certificate, a gown, a candle. If you were baptized by Pastor Katie, check with her if you need a photo! We will be sharing these in the service on the 9th!

Epiphany



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**First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin
Welcomes You!**

The scripture tells us that the Magi choose to go home

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PRELUDE Go, Tell It On the Mountain - Simone Rachel Hopple
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Let us turn our hearts to God in worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place—
each of us on our own path.

The path is winding,
and the path is not always clear,
and the path changes,
but we are here.

God is walking us home.
What a gift it is to not walk alone.
Let us worship Holy God.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG (*What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright* no. 152)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

HYMN OF THE DAY (*We Three Kings of Orient Are*, no. 151 vs 1, 5)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of changed plans, The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road.

And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us,
but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.
Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.

Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.
Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Sometimes we must choose a different way for ourselves,

by a different way in order to avoid the danger that Herod poses.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there. So hear and believe this good news:

No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

GLORIA (*"Gloria" from "Angels We Have Heard on High"*)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME TO WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN

HANDBELLS ANTHEM *"We Three Kings"* FPC Bell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2: 1-12

THE MESSAGE "This is the Way"

RESPONDING WITH OUR MUSIC (*Jesus Entered Egypt*, no. 154)

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Call to Offering

Offertory Angels & Shepherds- arr. Harris Rachel Hopple

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ADVENT BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

SENDING HYMN (*Christ Be Our Light* no. 314)

POSTLUDE We Three Kings—Isele Rachel Hopple

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



Rev. Katie M. Treadway, Pastor

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| ◆ Rachel Hopple, Organist | ◆ Terry Lyon, IT Consultant |
| ◆ Darcianne Porter, Music Director | ◆ Donald Loving, Treasurer |
| ◆ Logan Lyon, IT Worship Director | ◆ Brittany Cook, Secretary |

a way that leads to life.