



Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit

Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021

As the Prelude begins, we enter into a time of prayer and reflection as we gather for worship.

PRELUDE “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” *Dietrich Buxtehude*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN No. 135 “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” *FOLLOW*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “Walking” *Rev. Matt Nickel*

ANTHEM “Torches” *John Joubert*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

COMMUNION “Christ in the Stranger’s Guise” *Alfred Burt*

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offerings can be made online at www.japc.org/give

HYMN No. 152 “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” *Wilbur Held*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

Announcements

You are welcome here. You belong here: A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

The Board of Deacons encourages prayers for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, Priscilla Kelsey, Perry Kent, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Elaine Kuester, Lesley Lambright, Anne, Sara, & Ben Maters, Eleanor Mobley, the Raptis family, Tony Rogan, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Wininger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

Prayer Requests – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using prayer@japc.org or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

Today's Worship Participants – Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Chris Madison, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner.

Epiphany – Stars – Today JAPC will celebrates Epiphany. Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. Remembering the magi who followed the star that guided them to Jesus, we have practiced receiving a gift star with a word or idea to guide us in the year to come. Stars were sent out by mail to church members and you should receive one soon, if not already. During The Lord's Supper in worship, we will recognize the words and receive them in prayer as we receive the bread and the cup during the sacrament. Watch live online on [Facebook](#) or watch later at www.japc.org/watch

Bible & Brew – Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00pm – Hope In God's Forgiveness – Jesus often told people “your sins are forgiven.” What a statement! Forgiveness is powerful. And so is not being forgiven or not forgiving others. During this month's B&B we will be looking at the passages around forgiveness, how to forgive, and the healing that comes with forgiveness. Things to think about – why is it difficult to forgive those who hurt you? How has forgiveness healed a relationship? Contact Lou Prues with questions. Zoom Details: To Join the Zoom Meeting click: <http://bit.ly/bibleandbrew> and use the passcode: jesusloves OR you can join by phone by dialing: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), entering the Meeting ID: 886 7165 4328 and Passcode: 2324509190

Jazz Worship on Sunday, January 17 — at 10:30 a.m. worship service, a jazz combo led by trombonist Edward Gooch will bring music for us to remember and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Come worship with us!