

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020

Prelude

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

--Rev. Ed Laarman

Special Music: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

--Crystal Hogan

*Call to Worship

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

And the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

*Hymn: *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

*Prayer of Confession:

Dear Lord, we confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.

May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and soul.

We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us astray.

May your star once more set our course firmly in your direction.

We have kept our gifts and have not freely given our goods and our hearts to you.

May the Magi show us the spirit of giving.

Forgive us, Lord, in the name of Jesus, and renew us by your Spirit. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Song of Response: *Joyful, Joyful*

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before you sing thro'out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise you for your gift of love.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18–2:23

Sermon: *Joseph's Angel Dreams*

Special Music: *Once in Royal David's City*

--Ralph Kramer

*Creed: A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike, Jackie Laing, Sue Laing, Donnie Hamby,
Mary Larsen, Marcia McGregor, Rose Laufer,
Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten

*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.**

*Benediction

*Response: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and brought
us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*refrain*)

CHURCH NOTES

Soup Kitchen: A new sign-up sheet for cookies is on the table in the Fireside Room. Due to an increase in the number of meals we are giving out on Mondays, we now need 130 cookies. You can sign up to bake them all yourself or split it up with a friend!

Church Directory: We have updated the address portion of the directory. Copies are available on the table in the Fireside Room or call the office to set up a time to pick one up.