

First Presbyterian Church
Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021

Prelude

Special Music: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* --Crystal Hogan

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

Response: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

--Rev. Ed Laarman

*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.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and
wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*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*

All your works declare your glory; all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the
King. Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound
and anthems raise as with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in
wonder, love, and praise.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11, 17

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render
him tribute;

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,

all nations serve him!

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long
as the sun!

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: *The Magi Seek the King*

--Rev. Ed Laarman

Special Music: *We Three Kings*

--Boyd Thomas, Ralph Kramer, Dennis Fraker

*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, 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*)