

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
**Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.**

The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.
**For the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.**

* Gathering Hymn: "What Child Is This?" (#161)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Merciful God, Light of the world,
we confess that we have not resisted the darkness
of sin.

**You deliver the poor and the helpless,
but we have ignored their cry.**

**You take pity on the weak and the destitute,
but our hearts are hard in the face of their need.**

You take pity www.stpaulssimcoe.com 519-426-1845

MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

You heal the wounded and save the oppressed

but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war.

Forgive us, we pray.

Awaken in us sincere repentance
that we may shine with the light of your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem: *"Let The Christ Child In"*

(Althouse/Albrecht)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

**O God, nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.
By the compelling radiance of your Spirit,
draw us near, reveal your truth,
and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Children's Hymn: *"We Three Kings"*

(#173)

Children's Time

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12



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SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"As With Gladness Men Of Old"* (#172)

Declaration of Faith:

From the PCUSA Declaration of Faith Chapter 4 (in unison)

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.

Jesus, the long expected Savior,

came into the world as a child,

descended from David,

conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of Mary, a virgin.

He lived as a Jew among Jews.

He announced to his people

the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman

as is every child,

yet born of God's power

as was no other child.

In the person and work of Jesus,

God himself and a human life

are united but not confused,

distinguished but not separated.

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The coming of Jesus was itself

the coming of God's promised rule.

Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,

He brings about the relationship between God and humanity

that God always intended.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"* (#176)

- * Benediction:
- * *"Go Now In Peace"*
- * Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude