

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,  
sharing Christ's love with all.*



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.

## PRELUDE – VIDEO\*

“The First Noel”  
Peter Gooch, Trombone

arr. Ausman

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH** – “We Are POP” Video, Fall Nature Walk Crew

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Lord. Come be light for our path and a lamp in our darkness.

**Come, Lord. Fill our days with song and our nights with blessing.**

Come, Lord. Deepen our prayers for others and quicken our steps to do justice.

**Come, Lord. Enlighten our worship, inspire our lives, and bless us with peace.**

## HYMN (GTG) 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”  
Verses 1 and 3

(Puer Nobis Nascitur)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life, we pray. Forgive us when, like Herod, we follow selfish ambition more than your way. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to abandon old habits to embrace the fresh starts you give us. Forgive us for trusting in the wisdom of countless objects and ideologies more than we trust in you. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, so that this year and every year, we may find you and follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(A time for silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI – (GTG) 113

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 28:1-12, 15-19; OT Page 272

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12; NT Page 2

## SERMON

“A New Direction”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“All Is Well”  
Nicole Campbell, Voice

Smith and Kirkpatrick

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*All who put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake in the communion meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. We will be celebrating Communion by “virtual” intinction. Please take a piece of bread, dip it into your juice/wine, and then eat the bread.*

## INVITATION

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Pastor gives thanks.*

### **Congregation:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Pastor continues.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayer family of the week:** Mary Kay Honeycutt

**Prayer institution of the week:** Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (Odenton, MD)

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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

## Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice, and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

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On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

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*If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Maria Elena Bodnar (301-390-0484) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.*

*\*Used with permission. Pastor Elizabeth first met Peter Gooch as a 4-year-old at the church in Ohio where she served her first ordained call. Now all these years later, we are blessed that Peter has consented to our sharing his musical gifts with Prince of Peace.*

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*The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.*

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