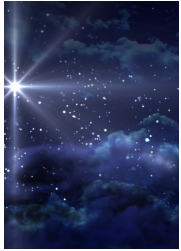


## IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Ruth Payne, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother), Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson).



*O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!  
O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what  
wondrous things God has done:  
The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!  
O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what  
wondrous things God has done:*

*The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!  
O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!*

## UPCOMING SERMON

Next Sunday, January 10, the sermon will be on the Apostle's Creed with Scripture lessons from 1 Corinthians 15:1-5.

## SOUP AND STUDY ON BOOK OF CONFESSIONS

We will have a virtual Soup and Study on the different Confessions, Creeds, and Catechisms that Rev. Audrey is preaching on during this season of Epiphany. If you would like a copy of the confessions and would like to participate, please email Rev. Audrey. We will gather virtually on Wednesday, beginning this Wednesday, January 6. Time will be announced in our weekly updates.

### SESSION

**Clerk:** Brad Stancil

**Mission/Outreach:** Trish McCoy

**Worship:** Virginia Gordon

**Christian Education:** Lou Haynes

**Property:** John Merritt

Kim Burden

John Johnston

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** "Once in Royal David's City" .....Lorenz

### Welcome and Announcements

**Choral Call to Worship:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4)

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him... give my heart.*

### Prayer of Invocation

**\*Hymn 63:** "As With Gladness Men of Old" .....Kocher

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.

We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world.

Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. *(a moment of silent reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

### THE WORD

**Anthem:** "I Have Seen the Light" .....Lehman

*I was a seeker alone in a dark world, I looked for truth but settled for lies. I had been blinded, I couldn't see Till a Star in Bethlehem's sky opened my eyes.*

*Refrain: I have seen the Light shining in the darkness, Bursting through the shadows, delivering the dawn.*

*I have seen the Light whose holy name is Jesus, His kingdom is forever; He reigns on Heaven's throne!*

*There in a manger, an innocent baby; Who would believe that He was the One;*

*I can believe it, I know it's true; He changed my life; He is the light; He is God's Son!*

*Refrain*

*We must tell the world what we've seen today in Bethlehem! He's the promised King; we bow down and worship Him! We will Worship Christ The King!*

*Refrain*

*I have seen the light of Jesus, I have seen the light of the Lord*

*I have seen the light of Jesus, I have seen the light*

*I have seen the light of the Lord*

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-11 and John 14:15-27

**Sermon:** "The Nicene Creed" ..... Rev. Audrey H Reese

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn 66:** "We Three Kings" .....Hopkins

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*The Nicene Creed** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 15, Ecumenical*)

**Gloria Patri** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 579*)

**Offertory:** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" .....Reed

**\*Doxology** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592*)

### SENDING

### Installation of Elders-Elect

**\*Hymn 68:** "What Star Is This, That Beams so Bright" ....Coffin

### Benediction