



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Epiphany**

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**Prelude**

What Star Is This

arr. Thomas Keesecker

**\*Call to Worship**

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

**People:** *The brightness of God's light shines upon all nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.*

**Leader:** God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

**People:** *We respond in praise, with our gifts, with our very selves.*

**All:** *Together let us worship the Living God.*

**\*Processional Hymn 151** (vv. 1-2, 5) We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors"

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**Call to Confession**

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*O Holy One, as a new year begins we come seeking your redemptive promises. Vulnerably, we lay before you both the bright gleam of our dreams, but also our failures. We yearn for faith, but often refuse to see it in those whose beliefs or identities are different from our own. We seek hope, but are quick to let cynicism and indifference diminish what is possible for ourselves and others. We long for love, but chase fleeting desires and selfish ambitions rather than pursue selfless sharing. Forgive and renew us. Broaden our limited visions of goodness. Remove all that impedes us from living into the future of faith, hope, and love unfolding in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**Message for all God's Children**

Yvonne Anderson  
Director of Family Ministries

*(After the Message, K-5th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Isaiah 60:1-3

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**Anthem**

Arise, Shine!  
Chancel Choir

arr. Thomas Keesecker

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 2:1-12

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**Sermon** "Taking Another Way Home"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

**\*Hymn 110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

**Moment for Mission**

Family Promise

Elder Carolyn Smith

**Prayers of the People**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

He Comes to Us As One Unknown arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 119**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Grand Choeur

George Blake

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Today's preacher is Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot.

Assisting with worship is Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Debra Balvage, Bruce Hoppe, and Patti Montefusco..

Thank you to our tabulators and processor today, Ric and Carrie Butler.

Special thanks to our technical team for their assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT PCCT: January 9 - 14**

**Monday**

9:30 am Next Act Brunch, Lisa Bole's Home  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford  
7:30 pm Finance & Operations Budget Meeting, Theos Room

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Mtg., Staff Conference Room

**Wednesday**

5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8  
5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8

**Thursday**

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 15, 2023  
Family Promise Hosting Week Begins**

10:00 am **Worship**; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13  
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8  
Time TBA Family Promise Community Dinner  
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room  
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 8, 2023**

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

## TODAY AT PCCT

### Epiphany

- 9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
- 10:00 am** **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm A-9
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
- 3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception  
Sanctuary & Mulford Hall
- 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship  
Bowling 4 Charity, off-site
- 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room
- 7:45 pm Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Youth Suite

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: BOWLING 4 CHARITY

**Today from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Hanover Lanes, East Hanover, NJ**

Help us raise money for a local charity - high score each round decides on a recipient. Advance sign-ups required; permission slip must be on file. Cost is \$20 for bowling and pizza, plus any amount you want to donate toward our charities.

## FAMILY PROMISE COMMUNITY DINNER

**Sunday, January 15 (Time TBD)**

Help us provide a hot meal and deliver groceries to Family Promise guests at the Extended Stay America in Whippany. We will spend time with guests and share in a meal with them. Please contact Pastor Tom for more information.

## FELLOWSHIP DROP-IN EVENT!

**Friday, January 20, 6:00 PM at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence**

Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Doug Frank [dbfrank50@aol.com](mailto:dbfrank50@aol.com). The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

## **FAITH FORWARD: HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE LUNCHES**

**Sunday, January 22, 11 am in Mulford Hall**

Join us in Mulford Hall immediately following worship to help package sustainable lunches for Bridges. This service project is suitable for all ages, aimed at providing a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and families. Please see the website for a sign-up link to provide food items. This is a Faith Forward event.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, January 29, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall**

Please join us for Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 29. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, the revision of By-Laws, and the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor of Congregational Life. We'll also review the 2023 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2022.

## **STEWARDSHIP "ASPIRING TOGETHER"**

Thank you to all who have pledged so far! It's not too late to make your pledge for 2023. As you consider your pledge amount for PCCT, please do so with gratitude to God for our church.

1. Return the Pledge card you received in the mail.
2. Complete the confidential online form on our website.
3. On Sundays, Pledge cards can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## **USHER CAPTAINS & USHERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a few usher team captains and more ushers for 2023. Easy instructions are provided. Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested and if you have any questions.

## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

You may sign up on our board in the Upper Lobby or on our website. Thank you for supporting the Deacon's flower ministry.

## **LYRICA CONCERT: This afternoon at 3:00 pm**

Acclaimed pianist, composer, and Steinway Artist Michael Stephen Brown performs his recital, "Mendlessohn+", featuring works of his favorite composer along with original compositions and surprises. Michael will perform on the rebuilt 1928 Steinway B piano he helped to choose and will be sure to charm with his inimitable stage presence and playing of uncommon wit and tenderness.

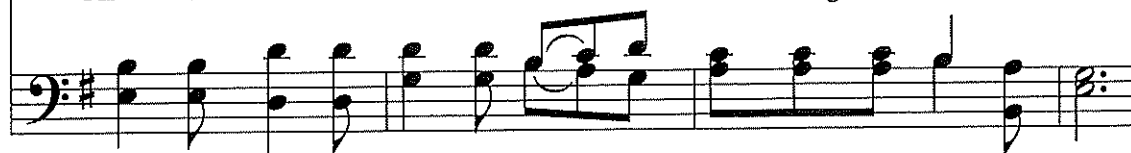
# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ial sounds through the earth and skies.



## Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

# Love Has Come

# 110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)  
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)  
 C F Dm F C Bb F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)  
 Gm7 A7 Bb C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)  
 F C Bb C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."



# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"