



**16 January, 2022**  
**The 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary 2**  
**Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

### Worship Notes

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts in abundance that bless and renew. In Christ Jesus the light shines and souls are fed. Taste, and see!

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

*Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email ([christpipersville@gmail.com](mailto:christpipersville@gmail.com)) for prayer needs. In an emergency please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129*

### GATHERING

*PRELUDE: Worship and prayer announcements, followed by a time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.*

In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**WE SING THE GATHERING SONG: ELW #310, SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,  
 God in flesh made man - i - fest.

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray *Silence*. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

*Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading*

The first Reading is from Isaiah, the 62<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

(Isaiah 62:1-5)

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
    and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
    and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
    and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
    that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
    and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
    and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
    and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
    so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
    so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36 is read responsively by verse

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
    and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**  
**your justice like the great deep;**  
**you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- <sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance <sup>1</sup> of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- <sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart. Amen.**

**The second Reading is from 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter. (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia. For with you is the wellspring of life,  
**and in your light we see light. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

(John 2:1-11)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please join Pastor in silent prayer as we prepare for:*

**TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)**

**WE SING THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #360, LOVE CONSECRATES THE HUMBLEST ACT**



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal-lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

*Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

Let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*We pray for the world, our community, and our church. Each petition concludes with:  
...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

#### MEAL

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words with a wave,  
placing a hand over our hearts, even a little bow in whatever touchless way you choose.*

*Following the peace, please be seated.*

#### OFFERTORY/ANTHEM

*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies.*

*In-House the offering plate is set by the baptismal font. In house or joining us  
online tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at  
[christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org) or using the QR code.*



*At Pastor's invitation we stand and sing the OFFERTORY*

## THE OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray —*Silence-* Gracious God,  
**your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.**  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
**prepare us to receive the gift of the Word made flesh**  
**Christ Jesus, our hope and our peace. Amen.**

*The Table is prepared as we pray and prepare our hearts.*

### THE GREAT 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.**

It is right, it is our duty and our great joy to praise You, O God, for Jesus the Word made flesh, the One who is the Alpha and Omega, our light in the darkness.

For in the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As we reach out for these gifts of Bread and Wine we trust his promise to come again, waiting in hope for that day when all creation will rejoice in His holy and life-giving light: **Amen!**  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

Come, Lord Jesus! Bless us and this meal, that we may be light for the world. Hear us as we join our voices in obedience and hope to pray:

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen**

#### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### THE COMMUNION

*We share in the Lord's Body and Blood. Pastor will ask us to take up our communion cup and invite us to commune using these or similar words:*

Come to the table of the Lord, for all is ready. **We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen.**

This is the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you!

*then consume the Sacrament as you desire. Please be seated for prayer and reflection after you have communed. The hymn during communion is #528, Come and Fill*

Hymn during Communion ELW #494, 1&4: FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
  
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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*Please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. -*Silence-* We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.*

### BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds through faith in Christ Jesus;  
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. **Amen**

WE SING THE SENDING HYMN, ELW #879, FOR THE BEAUTY



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

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