



Sunday, January 5, 2025  
Epiphany  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord  
has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)*

Prelude: *A Pastorale on "Kings of Orient"* John F. Wilson

\*Proclamation Hymn: *How brightly beams the morning star* #180

Welcome and Community Life News

### We Worship God

The Call to Worship Olivia Garduno

L.: Arise, shine: for your light has come!

**P.: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

L.: Lift up your eyes and look around!

**P.: We shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall rejoice.**

L.: For the Lord will be our everlasting light and our glory!

**P.: And so we worship God in humble expectation.**

L.: Let us worship God.

Introit: *Another year is dawning* Text: Frances R. Havergal  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### \*Praise Time: I saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

***I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more in darkness, no more in night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light***

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

***I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more in darkness, no more in night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light***

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

***I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more in darkness, no more in night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light (X2)***

*Words and music by Hank Williams Sr. CCLI License #993446*

### We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace<sup>☒</sup> within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.

**Praise the LORD!**

New Testament: John 1:1-18

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Arise, shine, for Thy light is come*

*Sir George Elvey*

Sermon: Bragging Rights

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

\*Dedication of the Offering and Elements

\*Invitation to the Table

\*Communion Hymn: *O holy Father, God most dear* **#529**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's  
mighty acts throughout salvation history.*

*The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:  
... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.*

**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.**

*Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his  
life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's  
Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence  
of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people  
say: Amen.*

As our Lord taught us, we now 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**Forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements *(please come forward as able)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Recessional Hymn: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

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## We are Sent out as God's People

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude: *Chorale: Earth has many a noble City* (Stuttgart)  
*Trumpet Tune on "Stuttgart"* Pietro Cattaneo

**\*if you are able, please stand**

# Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**\*\* \*\*We welcome all children in worship. For children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**There is no Sunday School today.**

Children will remain in church  
and receive Communion with their families.



### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who profess Jesus as Lord to come forward to receive the Sacrament.  
If you have mobility challenges, please advise an elder and we will bring communion to you.

### Important notice from the Office

Our office Administrator, Nadine will be away from the office for the month of January due to illness.  
The office phones will be monitored, however, for urgent matters please contact Rev. Heather directly 416-949-3465.

### 2025 Offering Envelopes

Your 2025 envelopes are ready for pick-up in the lobby.  
Please take your envelopes even if you are part of the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Program.  
If you wish to be part of the PAR Program, you can find an information pamphlet where the offering envelopes are located.



### Baptism and Reception of New Members

This month we will be receiving new members through Profession of Faith and some by Baptism. If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with the Minister.

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**Duty Elders: Carolyn Adamson and Jessica Chapman**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:20 am Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel  
11:00 am Worship Service – Holy Communion

#### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ESL Class – Chapel  
2:30 pm Communion to Glynnwood

#### Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary

#### Sunday, January 12, 2025

9:40 am Junior Youth Choir practice - chapel  
10:20 am Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel  
11:00 am Worship Service

### TPC 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook & PCC Wall Calendars

are still available in the lobby after church.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Gloria Crotin who passed away last Sunday.  
A celebration of life will take place at a later date.