

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

****Assurance of Forgiveness**

****Hymn "Gloria Patri"**

"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."

****The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

Time with Our Youngest Saints

THE WORD

Unison Prayer for Understanding

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Reading from the Gospels

John 2:1-11

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9When 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 10and 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." 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Gift of Music

Sermon **“Going the Second Mile”**

****Hymn 411** **“Arise, Your Light is Come!”**

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Star Word Liturgy

God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star,

Guide all who search and journey towards your light today,

God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a son,

Show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today,

God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan River,

manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today,

God who fed the five thousand with a handful of fish and loaves,

Satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love,

God who changed water into wine at a wedding,

Fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life.

God who caused a star to shine leading wise ones to the young Messiah,

Cause our word to bless and teach us this year. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer **(debts/debtors)**

“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,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

****Hymn** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above,
ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” Amen.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

THE SENDING

****Hymn 430** *“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”*

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****please stand as you are able**



First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster

Order of Worship for

the Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 ~ 11 a.m.

Liturgist: Mrs. Lita Leavell

Interim Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish

Ushers—Mrs. Joyce Bryant and Mrs. Cheryl Denney

Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney

Please silence your phones prior to worship.

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Liturgist: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

****Prayer of the Day**

****Hymn 263**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession**