We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn
“As With Gladness Men of Old” Hymn No. 150

*Benediction
Choral Response
“A Christmas Blessing” Philip Stopford

And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Organ Postlude
“We Three Kings” Diane Bish

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
We invite you to remain seated.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Clint McCann, Guest Minister
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries;
Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host: Gary Hepp

Ushers: Dodie Frank, Jerroy Frank, Georgia Hepp, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting,
Gail Meyer, Cy Woodrome, Julie Woodrome
Vicky Goberdriel, Usher Captain

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.**
Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**We Gather to Worship God**

*Organ Prelude*

**We Address Ourselves to God**

*Call to Worship*

**Leader:** Praise the Lord, all you nations!

**People:** Exalt God, all you peoples!

**Leader:** For great is God’s steadfast love toward us,

**People:** and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

*Processional Hymn*

**“The First Nowell”**

Hymn No. 147

(stanza 1: all    stanza 2: low voices    stanza 3: all    stanza 4: high voices    stanza 5: Choir    stanza 6: all)

**Call to Confession**

Eternal God, God of all peoples and nations and the whole creation, we confess that we often try to make you in our image, rather than conforming ourselves to yours. Forgive us when our vision is too limited, when our aspirations are too small, when we are more concerned to please ourselves rather than pleasing you. Give us the wisdom, the faith, and the courage to sing new songs, to see new possibilities, and to love the whole world as you love the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Confessions**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Response to Confession*

**We Are Forgiven**

Hymn No. 447

**The Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Time with Children**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Reading**

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**

*“Cradle Hymn”*  

text: Isaac Watts  

music: Kim Andre Arensen

Hush my dear, lie still and slumber. Holy angels guard thy bed!  
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head. 
See the kindly shepherds round him. Telling wonders from the sky! 
When they sought Him, there they found Him, with His Virgin Mother by. 
See the lovely babe adressing; Lovely infant, how He smiled. 
When He wept, the mother’s blessing soothed and hushed the holy child. 
May’t He live to know and fear Him, trust and love Him all thy days; 
Then go dwell forever near Him, see His face, and sing His praise! 

**Second Reading**

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

*“The Whole World In God’s Hands”*  

Rev. Dr. Clint McCann

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**Hymn**

*“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*  

Hymn No. 151

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**Offertory Sentences**

**Offertory Anthem**

*“A Christmas Blessing”*  

Philip Stopford

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly, all things heavenly, and all things with joy and peace, and the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

*Doxology*

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**

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers  
See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.