

Announcements

Wed. Jan 8th Choir 6:30
Thurs. Jan 9th KD Lunch 11:00



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information.

Mission Moment

In Nepal, 60-year-old Sakkal Bahadur Shahi had a keen interest in agriculture. However, a lack of training, resources and community support hindered his efforts. In addition, due to his poor economic condition, he lacked the means to transform his farm into a sustainable, income-generating operation. Sakkal's situation changed when he joined a PWS&D-supported project. The project formed the Phulbari Swabalamban self-help group, which includes 25 members working to improve the living standards of poor members of their community. Through training from the project, Sakkal transformed his farm into a model farm, where he adopted climate-resilient farming practices and started growing various vegetables. Sakkal is now better able to support his family through his farm.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come
All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Hymn: **#174 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

Opening Prayers

*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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

& Hymn: **#376 Lord, the light of your love is shining**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (responsive) Refrain 1
Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God in Scripture.
The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "Another Year is Dawning"

Message

Hymn: **#474 The love of God comes close**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: **#173 We three kings**

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord bless you**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*"God must be allowed the right to speak unpredictably."
~ Thomas Merton*



*"We celebrate Epiphany because it's a time to remind ourselves that in
him a light has dawned that will never go out; a light of faith, and hope,
and joy that shines in all the kinds of darkness that can afflict this world."
~ Alan Brehm*

*What is one way this week that you can shine
the light of Jesus into the world?*

Things to pray for this week...

As a new year begins, we pray for PWS&D programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and emergency situations around the world.

We pray for those preparing the celebration of the denomination's 150th anniversary by remembering the past, acknowledging the present, and looking to the future.

We pray for students studying at the PCC's theological colleges as they begin the winter semester—that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

²See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.