

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**January 3, 2016, 11:00 am – Morning Worship**  
**Matt Schultz – Pastor**  
**Jan Gruhn-Organist**

**Prelude:** “O Hail This Brightest Day of Days” J.S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*inspired by Psalm 150*) Corky Dickson, Liturgist

Leader: The Magi followed the Star to Bethlehem, where they found the Son of God. Star of wonder, star of night...

**All: Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Leader: Guide us, O God, to the light of Jesus, who teaches us, forgives us, and loves us. Star of wonder, star of night...

**All: Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Leader: Guide us, O God, to the way of Jesus, so that we can love others with humble, loving and generous hearts. Star of wonder, star of night...

**All: Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Leader: Guide us, O God, to the courage of Jesus, so that we can welcome those who are different from us, those who are weaker than us, and speak truth to those who are stronger than us. Star of wonder, star of night...

**All: Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Leader: Let us worship together in wonder.

**All: Let us worship God.**

✠ **Hymn** “As with Gladness Men of Old” #63

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of wonder and light

**All: We confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another, in our actions, and in our inactions.**

Leader: In Jesus, our light has come

**All: Yet we choose to walk in the shadows, and ignore the light.**

Leader: God of wonder and light

**All: Forgive our sins, and remove us from the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives.**

Leader: Illuminate us by your Word

**All: So we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory.**

Leader: We pause now to confess our sins to God in silence.

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God**

Response *Gloria Patri* #805

**All: 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.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Children**

Scripture 1 Matthew 2:1-15 Page 956

Scripture 2 Isaiah 9:1-3 Page 683

Sermon Pastor Matt

The Response

✠ **Hymn** “We Three Kings of Orient” #185

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