

**PREPARE TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME AND COLONIAL NEWS**

**OPENING BREATH PRAYER**

Breathe in: In God's Light...

Breathe out: I am Guided...

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**ISAIAH 60: 1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE**

***Here I Am to Worship*** (sung softly)

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

Once we walked in the darkness of sin.  
**Now we live in the light of God's love!**  
Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
and the darkness cannot overcome it!  
**For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**RESPONSE IN SONG**

*Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

**\*LIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

(Please rotate and wave to your sisters and brothers in Christ).

**THE MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**MATTHEW 2: 1-8**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no

means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

**HYMN STORY**

***We Three Kings*** (sung softly)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**MATTHEW 2: 9-14**

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt,

**MEDITATION**

***Following the Light***

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING....** Ending with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 TABLE**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** (sung softly)

**\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (ON THE WAY OUT)**

**\*GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS**

***Weekly Opportunities at CPC***

- Congregational Meeting following worship service on Sunday, January 17, 2021
- Prayers and Faith Action Opportunities are E-mailed 5 Days a week
- Hymn Story - Children's Message - Adult Bible Study - Weekly Prayer Service - posts can all be found on our Facebook page (Colonial Presbyterian Roanoke)
- Youth – Each Sunday Evening and Mid-Day Wednesday