

sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

### Responding in Faith

#### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14

### The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

**+Response** *Gloria Patri* #577

### The Service of Holy Communion

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right...who forever sing to the

glory of your name:

**Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts.**

(2x)

**The whole world is full of God's**

**glory.(3x)**

**Holy is the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,**

### Notes

**Christ will come again.**  
**Communion of the People**  
**Prayer after Communion**  
**Going into the World**  
**+Hymn** *Star Child* STF2095  
**+Charge**  
Later  
after the angels,  
after the stable,  
after the Child,  
they went back...  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't  
understand our talk of angels and  
stars and  
especially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it  
doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to  
God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!  
-Ann Weems,  
*Kneeling in Bethlehem*

**+Benediction**  
**+Postlude**

### MISSION



### FELLOWSHIP



### WORSHIP



### THE BODY OF CHRIST



## Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2018

+Stand as you are able

*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

### Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

### +Call to Worship

L: The Carols have been sung, the baby has been born.

P: The shepherds and wise men have come and gone.

L: A new year begins, a year of new hopes and new faith

P: A year of living in the light and love of Christ.

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: Creating God, as we begin a new year may we renew our devotion to you and our passion for your creation. May we especially renew our devotion to your Son, Jesus Christ, who gifts us with your grace and love; and who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,*

*the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

**+Hymn** Medley STF 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071

### Call to Confession

**Confession** Let us pray: At the beginning of each new year many of us resolve to be better than we have been before; and yet we struggle each year to live into our resolutions. Forgive our weakness; help us this year may be led by your Word to fulfill our purpose as Christians, knowing that you are there to strengthen and love us along the way. (moment of silence.)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Yesterday was Feast of the Epiphany, which can mean ‘sudden revelation or insight.’ What epiphanies have come to you in the past year? What insights do you hope for in the year ahead?**

**Song** Come & Fill Our Hearts #2157

### The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Anthem** She Comes Sailing on the Wind STF 2122

(congregation to join on the refrain after first refrain is completed)

### Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Illumination** May this word be bread for our souls, nourishing us for the journey to come. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

**Acts 19:1-7** (The Message) Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?”

“We’ve never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?”

“How were you baptized, then?” asked Paul.

**Why does Jesus come to Paul for baptism? Does he “need” to be baptized?**

**Why does Paul baptize the believers even though they’ve been baptized by John?**

“In John’s baptism.”

<sup>4</sup> “That explains it,” said Paul. “John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you’ve been baptized in John’s baptism, you’re ready now for the real thing, for Jesus.”

<sup>5-7</sup> And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God’s actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

**Hymn** Come Share the Lord STF2269

**Mark 1:9-11 (The Message)** At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the