

∞ Order of Worship ∞

January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we think of God's presence in the world, we are grateful:

People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

Leader: And when we think of God's presence in our lives, we are humbled:

People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

Leader: And when we think of God's presence in this community, we are glad:

People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

PRAISE SONG "We Three Kings" v. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may be witnesses to You in our World. Remind us to be who You would have us be regardless of what we are doing or what path we are on. Hold us to You and help us build our relationship with You.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Take the Wheel"

by Brett James, Hillary Lindsey & Gordie Sampson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Epiphany"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The road we are on"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

HYMN No. 47 "God Will Take Care of You" v.1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

Verse 1:

We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse afar –
Field and fountain, moor and mountain –
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Text & Music: *Kings of Orient*, John H. Hopkins, Jr.

God Will Take Care of You

Verse 1:

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,
Thro' every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Text: Civilla D. Martin
Music: *God Cares*, W. Stillman Martin



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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Dryden will be held after the service on **Sunday, January 24th, 2021**. The meeting includes the election of nominating committee members and the election of two elders, two deacons and an auditor to serve for terms of no more than three years beginning this year. There will also be reports on church activities and the presentation of the 2021 budget. Session is also recommending that the bylaws be revised by changing Section XIII to reduce the number of elders from 12 to 9 beginning in 2022.

Although only active members may vote, all are welcome to attend and hear what our church leaders have to say about our ministries and mission.

Because we must have a quorum, all active members are urged to attend the zoom meeting.

Reminder

Committee reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting are due January 14, 2021 in the church office.

Dryden Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Offering Envelopes

The pledge offering envelopes for 2021 have arrived and are in the administrative office on the table. Please sign your name next to the number on the box that you take.

Weekly Update on Community Support

As we turn our attention to the highly anticipated improvements that 2021 will bring, we should also look back on how the Dryden community responded to the challenges that Covid-19 created beginning in March 2020. One of the first effects was the increase in food insecurity experienced when the schools transitioned to remote instruction. Weekly Update Requests for Support began in April and the Dryden community provided an amazing response throughout the rest of the year. Much of the financial support went to helping with this food insecurity in our community. Funds were utilized for the spring and summer food distribution and helped support the 10 Blue “pop up” pantries throughout the town of Dryden. Healthy snacks were provided and were distributed through the Solar Express during the summer months. When school started in the fall, clothing, hygiene supplies, sneakers, snow boots and gloves were purchased for kids. In addition, a family who lost everything in a fire, received assistance. There was funding for the Thanksgiving baskets and to provide Christmas help for families in our community. The funds were primarily used to help those in our community meet their basic needs. In addition to the financial support provided by the community, over \$5,000 was received from the Dryden Service Unit of the Salvation Army. When the community was asked to support the 2020 Bell Ringing campaign, the goal was set to raise \$6,500 (which would provide \$5,800 for 2021). The community responded with donations of \$11,325 of which 90% or \$10,200 will be utilized throughout the upcoming year to provide support for those in need in our community. We are truly blessed to live in such a loving and caring community!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
Charlie Hart