



First Presbyterian Church
Farmington, NM

January 4, 2026
Epiphany

January 4, 2026

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelby Markle

PRELUDE

Interlude on 'The Coventry Carol'
(William Lloyd Webber)

Kyle Osborne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Sims, Responsive

Arise, shine! Your light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord is all around.

***HYMN #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jerry Sims

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Loving, Merciful, God,

**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Help us to be willing to let your Love shine in our hearts,
especially in this season of Epiphany.**

Please forgive us

**and lead us more and more into the Light of Christ,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Jeanette Larson

***GLORIA #143, v. 4**

All creation join in praising

God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising

To th'eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the newborn King!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Jeanette Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jerry Sims

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 (pg. 690) Jerry Sims

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-23 (pg. 2) Rev. Jeanette Larson

SERMON “Dreams, Light and Stars” Rev. Jeanette Larson

***HYMN #192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER (hymnal pg. 35) Unison

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.

CALL TO OFFERING Rev. Jeanette Larson

OFFERTORY Improvisation Kyle Osborne

***DOXOLOGY #150 v. 1**

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Jeanette Larson

***HYMN #152** *What Star is This, With Beams so Bright*

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Rev. Jeanette Larson

POSTLUDE *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern* Kyle Osborne
 (Johann Pachelbel)

**please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer concerns: Sandy Williamson; Paige Stamps; Mike Shepler; Dorothy Gibbons & Family; Kathy Hamilton; Clint Goad; Shanda Browne; Dana McGarrh; Don & Judy Hitt; John Hall; Jeff Martini; Terri Fisher; Nina Sahanets; Dean Foust; Madison; Ed & Judy Winters; Kathy Stewart; Vicki Archer & John Archer; John Paul McLemore; Daphne Morrison; Sandy & Wayne Mietty; Mary Henry; Alan VanRiper; Sharon Dube; Karla Olson; Jack Klotz; Kitty Doerfert; Sandy & Alan Nelson; Kaison; Sony Attencio & Family; Tonia; Julie Rapp; Morris McGarrh; Betsy Yazzie; Inez Bancroft; Kathy Dickerson; Tennille Taylor; Chelsey Renn; Malcom Holm; Tura Hayes; Chris Whitney; Beverly Reese; Mary Boden; Ed Singer; Sam & Mia Fisk; Jacob Bean; Grace Shippey; Delthea Baneroft; Beth Klotz; Barbara James; Eunice Howard; Mary Marley; Larry Brewer; Richard Fitzhugh; Betty McConnel; Cruz Marez; Evelyn Young; Rhonda & Fred Wagner; Craig O'Kelley; Arlene Butler; Janet Patterson

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, January 4:**
 - Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am, Children's Sunday School: 9:15 am
 - Post Worship Discussion: Following Congregational Meeting, MJM
- **Monday, January 5:**
 - Bells Rehearsal: 5:30 pm, Bell Room, South Entrance
- **Tuesday, January 6:**
 - Homework Club: 3-5pm, Howieson Room
- **Wednesday, January 7:**
 - Homework Club: 3-5 pm, Howieson Room
- **Thursday, January 8:**
 - Book Group: 12 pm, Howieson Room
 - Choir Practice: 6 pm, Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- During the month of January we will have a photo booth in the Williams Room in order to update our picture directory! Personal submissions also welcome: shelby@fpcfarmington.org.
- We encourage donations of socks, hats, and gloves to every Communion Sunday! The next Communion Service is Sunday, January 11th.
- The Annual MLK Day of service is Monday, January 19th and will start with prayer and breakfast at 400 W. Apache, LDS Farmington Chapter. Sign up to volunteer online:
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A4BADAF23ABFBCE9-60464336-mlkday>
- Committee Annual Reports for 2025 need to be submitted to the church office, in person or via email to shelby@fpcfarmington.org, by Tuesday, January 20th.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 25th, immediately following worship.
- To make a contribution to the Gordon Glass Sponsor Circle's Ukrainian Support Fund make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate your giving for "GGSC."

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed"; and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

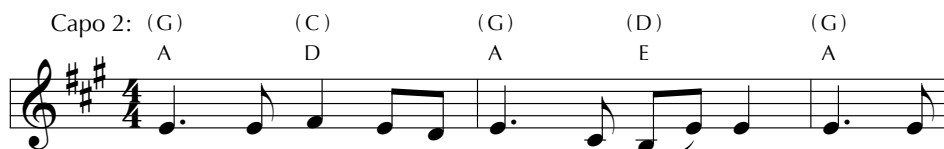
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(alternate harmonization, 254)

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

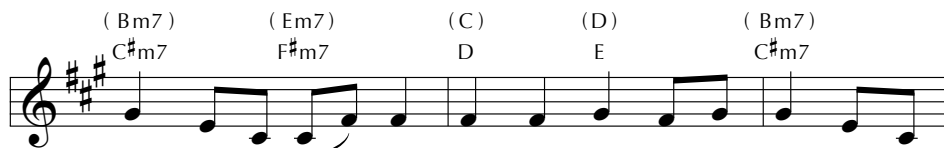
Shine, Jesus, Shine



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



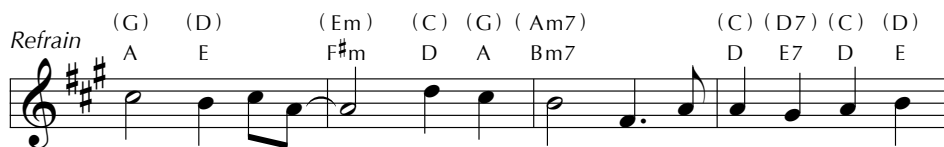
midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
 en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

