

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday After Christmas

December 30, 2018 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Megan Howell

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" arr. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP Roddy Hamilton

Leader The year has thinned, the light seems weaker the year is tired, and the season running out

PEOPLE YET HERE WE ARE IN THE PLACE OF LIFE FOR THIS PLACE BELIEVES IN THINGS BEYOND TIME AND SEASON

Leader We might live in the echo of stables and incarnation holding onto faith in the year's last days

PEOPLE YET WHAT DO WE DO BUT PERFORM ACTS OF RENEWAL AND REBIRTH OF BAPTISM AND HOPE OF SEEKING NEW LIFE SHAPED IN JESUS CHRIST

Leader So let us gather in what the world sees as the cusp of the year yet we know as another day in the eternity of love

PEOPLE AND CELEBRATE WHO WE ARE AND WHO WE ARE YET TO BECOME LET US BE TOGETHER AND WORSHIP

*PRAISE "Mary Did You Know"

MINUTE FOR MISSION Point In Time Survey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader Old acquaintances may be forgotten

PEOPLE SO LET OUR SINS BE WASHED AWAY.

Leader Broken promises, and all our falling down,

PEOPLE NEVER LET THEM BE BROUGHT TO MIND.

Leader Lord of mercy, do not hold our past against us,

PEOPLE LET US BE FREE TO LIVE OUR FUTURE IN YOUR SIGHT.

Leader Judge us righteously, and convict us to be holy,

PEOPLE BUT WELCOME US ALWAYS WITH COMPASSION.

Leader We put ourselves with trust in your hands.

PEOPLE HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy anniversary to you, happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you, this coming year too.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 29

SECOND READING John 1: 1-18

THE MESSAGE *Everything* Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" arr. Flynn

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

SENDING

*PRAISE "Welcome to Our World"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 43(v.1)

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* THE PEACE

Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE "Angels from the Realms of Glory" arr. Long

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Worship Service Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

The envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone that pledged or asked for envelopes. Please pick them up, but do not use them until 2019.

SUNDAY FLOWERS FOR 2019

The flower sign-up book for 2019 will soon be on the table in the narthex. Please sign for the Sunday(s) you would like to provide flowers in thanksgiving for a blessing like a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please indicate if you will take the flowers or if you wish to donate them for the Congregational Care Committee to give to a shut-in or someone in need of cheer. Cost of the flowers is \$36 for both arrangements and is payable to Georgia Henry. Contact her if you have questions regarding altar flowers – 301-843-6076 or gghenry4@aol.com.

FRIENDS WHO LUNCH

The Friends Who Lunch will start off the New Year with a luncheon on Tuesday, January 8th at Bonefish Grill in Brandywine. They will meet there at 12:00 noon. Please plan to join us for good food and great fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. For further information call the church office.

THREE KINGS DAY PARTY? WHAT IS THIS?

With the crazy busy November we've had; bazaar and two weeks of safe nights and the business of December; pageant, cantata, company parties, visiting family, whew! Let us kick-off the start to the new year with following the star in celebration the life given to us from the One who created for us, the King of all Kings. Saturday 5 January, James and Heather Kriebel are hosting, and the party begins at 6pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This is an adults only party and a gift exchange will be part of the evenings activities.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: THE UN-DOMESTICATED GOD

We all love Jesus. His is, after all, our Savior. But how do we feel about the God of the Old Testament? The God who orders complete cities and peoples to be exterminated? The God filled with anger and judgment? How can Jesus and this God be the same? How can we love one and not the other? How can the One we call Father, who sends Jesus to save us, be the same God who rains destruction down on His enemies? Or have we been wrong about Him all along? The question: Do we really know God? Or do we only know glimpses of Him and not the whole picture? Starting January 6, Charlie Robinson will begin an 8 week examination and discussion into these and other questions? This adult class meets in room 103, the first room to the left of the library, every Sunday at 9:00 am. Please join us (or the other adult class that meets in the library). All are welcome.

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 61: 10 – 62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

SECOND READING
JOHN 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;
this Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,
When you kiss your little baby you kissed the face of God? Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb,
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am?

“Welcome to Our World”

Tears are falling; hearts are breaking;
how we need to hear from God.
You've been promised, we've been waiting,
welcome holy Child. Welcome holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger,
how I wish we would have known.
But long awaited holy Stranger
make Yourself at home, please make Yourself at home.

Bring Your peace in to our violence,
bid our hungry souls be filled .
Word now breaking heaven's silence,
welcome to our world. Welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us,
tender brow prepared for thorn.
Tiny heart whose blood will save us
unto us is born, unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around You,
breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy,
perfect Son of God. Perfect Son of God.

Welcome to our world.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.
There are fellowship pads at the end of the row, please pass them, and sign them, so that you can learn the names of those who are sitting near you and so that they can know yours as well. Provide other information as desired. After the service, talk to old friends and meet some new ones.

We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

*Please be mindful that as we prepare for worship
we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.

Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* Kathy Koch (10:15); *Scripture Readers:* Anne Creveling and Sally Brandt; *Ushers:* Grover Baldwin and John Holmes (10:15);
Coffee Hour: Christmas Cookies Exchange

TODAY

Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Jan. 1): No Women's Bible Study
Saturday (Jan. 5): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study at
Margaret Beigel's Home

COMING SOON

Friends Who Lunch Will Meet at Bonefish Grill in Brandywine on January 8th
Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27th at 11:30



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SESSION MEMBERS (CLASS)

Grover Baldwin (2019)	John Holmes (2020)
Holly Banks (2021)	Megan Howell (2020)
Margaret Beigel (2019)	Stephen Lehrter (2020)
Jill Buntz (2019)	Beverly Tallmadge (2021)
Loann Burian (2020)	Jack Tuttle (2021)
Jack Crews (2019)	Sandy Webb (2021)