

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Margaret Beigel

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *"March of the Three Kings"* arr. Broughton

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP *An Epiphany Prayer, by Glenn Mitchell*

Leader O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence this new year.

PEOPLE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE MYSTERY OF YOUR LOVE.

Leader Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary, reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

PEOPLE HEAL US, THAT WE MIGHT BE HEALERS.

Leader Reconcile us to you and to ourselves, that our living might be reconciling.

PEOPLE STOP US OFTEN, WE PRAY, WITH NEWS THAT IS GOOD, WITH HOPE THAT HOLDS,

Leader With truth that transforms with a Word tailored to this trail we're on.

PEOPLE MAY THE WORD OF YOUR GRACE GUIDE OUR STEPS, LIKE THE SUN BY DAY AND THE NORTH STAR BY NIGHT, AS WE TRAVEL INTO THIS GIFT OF A NEW YEAR.

*HYMN *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* No. 66

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison

Eternal God, whose covenant is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love, and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully, or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us in Christ, who is the bread of life, and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

*APOSTLE'S CREED Pg. 14 (Ecumenical, see insert)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"He Took the Cup"* Parker

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 592

THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 60: 1-6

*HYMN *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* No. 466

SECOND READING Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON *The Gift of the Magi* Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* No. 513

(Those who wish to get their children from the nursery so that they may receive a blessing during Communion may do so during the Song of Preparation.)

THE SACRAMENT

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*PRAISE *"Let All Things Now Living"* No. 554

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"* No. 538 (v.1)

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE *"Let All Things Now Living"* arr. Wetzler

*Please stand if able.

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THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Intinction*)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

"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

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 Crossing Center. They will meet there at 12:00 noon. Please plan to join us for good food and great fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.

SESSION MEETING

All are invited to join us for the next session meeting which is Wednesday, January 9th. Please remember that all members are welcome and encouraged to join the elders for opening devotions at 6:30 in the sanctuary and the team meetings that follow. It is important to hear the opinions of many members as our leaders make their decisions.

PLEDGES AND ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the 2019 Operating year are available in the narthex. If you do not see your name and you would like envelopes, please see Anne Creveling. The books for 2018 will remain open until Sunday, January 13th. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to complete their pledge for that year. Be sure to use the new envelopes for your 2019 giving. If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so the session can finalize the budget.

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS FOR 2019

The flower sign-up book for 2019 is 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.

Announcements continued on next page.

POTLUCK FOLLOWED BY ALICE REPORT

Sunday, January 13th, we will have a potluck lunch and Pastor Mark will present the 2018 ALICE report, the presentation of the report highlights will be given after the potluck lunch.

**ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, it was a study done in several states by the United Way. In the study cost of living was broken down on a county to county basis and compared with various levels of income. ALICE focuses on people who fall in the range above the poverty line, but below the threshold of actually being able to afford the basic necessities of life.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet January 13th & 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

***Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

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The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by Jack Tuttle and Heather Beaton in loving memory of Heather's parents, Helen and Peter Beaton.

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Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* Kriebel Family (10:15); *Acolyte:* Ella Luton; *Ushers:* Bill Koennel and William Buntz (10:15); *Readers:* Charlie and Jean Robinson (10:15); *Nursery Volunteers:* Rose Flora and Brandon Luton; *Coffee Hour:* Sally Brandt

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TODAY

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Hummingbirds at 11:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Jan. 8): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. – Friends Who Lunch Will Meet for Lunch at Bonefish Grill
Wed. (Jan. 9): 6:30 p.m. – Devotion & Team Meetings
Followed by Session Meeting

COMING SOON

Youth Group Meets on Sunday, Jan. 13th at 6 p.m.
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)