

St. John's at Worship A Celebration of Epiphany, 9:30 am

Epiphany is a celebration of light, an unfolding of revelation, a gift of illumination, mystery revealed, with the Visit of the Magi a centerpiece, travelers from the East, likely Persian, assumed to be Zoroastrians. In this service let us come *seeking* the Light, open to *infilling* of the Light, leaving committed to *sharing* the Light. Welcoming the presence and witness of those of other spiritual paths, nurtured by other sacred texts, steeped in other worship practices, per chance Children of the Light.

COME SEEKING THE LIGHT

Prelude Fantasia & Fugue in Gm *J.S. Bach*

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Introit “How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them” *G.F. Handel*
(Julie Rockhold, soprano)

*BECKONED INTO THE LIGHT
*PRAYER FOR OPEN, RECEPTIVE HEARTS

Welcome to our Inter-Faith Guests Brian Bouvier, Clerk of Session
Bell Choir Anthem “Song of Gladness” *A. B. Sherman*

*Hymn **62, vss 1-2** “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OPEN TO INFILLING OF THE LIGHT

A word and witness from Islam
A word and witness from Baha'i

A prayer for divine wisdom and guidance

(teachers may dismiss after the hymn, children may dismiss after the sermonette)
*Hymn **62, vss 3 & 5** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Sermonette 3-D glasses brought by Oliver Feldman Stephanie Eft

A word and witness from Unitarian Universalism
A word and witness from Sikhism

A prayer for divine harmony and peace

*Hymn **66, vss 1-2** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

A word and witness from Buddhism
A word and witness from Zoroastrianism

A prayer for loving-kindness and compassion

Minute for Mission Nancy Davis, Supper at St. John's

*Hymn **66, vss 3-4** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Offering

Call to Offering

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests with the offering: *please print briefly. Thank you*)

Offertory “Brightest and Best” *M. Schweizer*

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

LEAVING TO SHARE THE LIGHT

New Testament Reading Matthew 2:1-12

*Hymn **254, vss 1-2** “We Three Kings” KINGS OF ORIENT

MEDITATION ON THE VISIT OF THE MAGI Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

*Hymn **254, vss 3-5** “We Three Kings”

Benediction

Choral Response “Go In Peace and Joy” *M. Franck*

Postlude “As With Gladness, Men of Old” *J. Linker*

**Those who are able, please stand*

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ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join our inter-faith guests at coffee hour.

They welcome your questions, comments, reflections and hospitality.

After the service, Jim Little will be at the rear of the church to answer any questions visitors may have about St. John's. He will also be available at coffee fellowship.

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Diane Legnini

Ushers *Mike Wagner, Hank Wilson, Tom Johnson, Kathy Johnson*

Greeter *Jim Little*

Coffee Service *Ron & Darlene Hinderer*

Flowers *Given by Bill & Judy Graham in memory of our parents,*

Marjorie Graham and Charles Vogler.

Devon Chapel Bells

Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Christina Fish,

Judy Graham, Sue Hardin, Margot Moore, Greta Moorhead,

Zoe Tenley, Elizabeth Unger, Nancy Wolfe

Joys & Sorrows

Marie Cantafio recovering from a cracked orbital bone around her eye:

1106 Brian's Way, Wayne 19087

Betty Lunger and family mourn the death of her husband, Vernon:

1415 Stallion Lane, West Chester 19380

Lee & Barbara McConnell and family mourn the death of Lee's father:

1620 Sorrell Road, Malvern 19355

Christina Fish recovering from an appendectomy:

1086 West King Road, DR 318, Malvern 19355

Special Thanks

Many thanks to St. John's “snow angels” who braved the elements on December 20 to deliver gifts to 18 Angel Tree families in Philadelphia: the Mike Wagner family, the Dalrymple family, Ron Hinderer, and Tom Littlefield. The always reliable St. John's family came through again to insure a happy Christmas for so many. Also thanks to the Birmingham/Ticknor family who delivered the remaining family gifts the following Tuesday. With gratitude, Pam Schafer on behalf of the Deacons.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, February 9 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. For those who would like to carpool or need help with transportation, please meet at St. John's by 5 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. in advance to Kathy Shaw at Kathryn_shaw@vanguard.com (610.308.9646 cell) or Brian Bouvier at bbouvier@duanemorris.com (610.873.9856).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Our beautiful sanctuary flowers are provided by the generosity of congregation sponsors. Cowen's Flowers in Wayne creates the bouquets, and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48—sponsors may take the flowers home after worship on Sunday. If you prefer, the Deacons will deliver the arrangements to lift the spirits of church family members in need. Please sign up on **the new 2010 Flower Calendar**, which is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. St. John's Deacons thank you for enhancing our worship of God with this lovely addition to the sanctuary each week. Please contact Barbara McConnell (610-722-0692) or Amy Lord (610-293-1922) for more information.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

St. John's Women's Fellowship is once again conducting the annual blanket drive for Church World Service. Please consider a donation to the cause; the blanket costs a mere \$5. We will graciously accept your tax-deductible donations in the collection plate (see enclosed envelope) or at our table during coffee fellowship. *Checks should be made payable to St. John's Women's Fellowship.* Large or small, please give the right gift to those who have so little—the gift of hope, which lasts a lifetime!

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE – APPEAL FOR COATS

During this particularly cold and snowy winter, new or *gently used winter coats* are being collected for the Presbyterian Children's Village residents, ages ranging from 13 to 18. Please leave your donation in the Carriage House cloak room. For more information please contact Susanne Engheta 610-647-2117 or s_engheta@yahoo.com.

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesdays, beginning **January 13 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm through May**, students will meet with Victor to learn more about our shared faith. All youth in 8th or 9th grades who have not been confirmed are welcome. Please call the church office if you have not signed up.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S

We resume **Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 pm**. Following the grand dinner buffet, another "menu"—of three courses—will be available: the Gospel of Mark, a study the communicants' class will be exploring; "The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah," an intense look at the weeks preceding and including those momentous events central to our faith; and Disciple One, a 34 week study of nearly the entire Bible requiring 2 1/2 to 3 hours of preparation weekly—with commensurate rewards. This group will decide together when to continue the remaining classes. SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S will have ten sessions, ending before Palm Sunday. Sign-ups are a must, by phone to the church or at coffee hour today or next Sunday.

INWARD JOURNEY

This group meets in the Carriage House on **Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** to read and discuss Luke's Gospel, our current study. *We resume Thursday, January 21, please read Luke chapter 17.* Led by Victor.

GIRL'S RETREAT

Some talks you can only have with your girlfriends! Girls, grades 8-12 are invited to join girls from other churches (Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, White Rock Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and Presbyterian Church of Deep Run in Perkasio) from **Friday, January 22 to Sunday January 24** at Presbyterian Church of Deep run. Cost for this weekend spiritual retreat is just \$20. Please contact Stephanie for more details or to sign-up.

INQUIRER'S SEMINAR SAVE THE DATE

Whether you've been attending St. John's for two weeks or two years, we invite you to get better acquainted with us. Please join us on **Sunday, January 24, 7:00 pm** to hear more about St. John's, the inner workings and programs that contribute to our congregational life and faith, and what it means to be a *Presbyterian*. Child care will be provided. For more details please call Bob Miller (610-647-0807).

DEVON BUILDERS' COMPETITION 2010 NEWS

John McClintick announces exciting plans for the Devon Builders' Competition 2010. Goals have been set to host 8-10 competition teams which will produce 12-14 house framing packages for local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. *What's new is the opportunity to stage the event indoors next March 9-10, 2010 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo center in Oaks, PA.* Our event will be running concurrently with the Philadelphia Construction Expo slated for the same dates at the Expo center. Watch for more details and information about how you can be part of this life-changing experience. **To sign-up now as a volunteer, please contact John McClintick at johnemclintick@earthlink.net.**

We will continue to accept donations to the Christmas Joy Offering. Please use the envelopes located near the crèche at the rear of the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Victor on Study Leave through January 19
Guest Preacher January 17: Sum Thang

Sun, Jan 10	8:00 am	Deacons' Meeting Trustees' Meeting Women's Biblical Reflection
	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	10:40 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers
	4:30 pm	Jr. High Youth Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Jingle Bells
	6:30 pm	Sr. High Youth Fellowship
Mon, Jan 11	7:00 pm	Session Stated Meeting
Wed, Jan 13	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class begins
Thurs, Jan 14	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Wed, Jan 20	6:00 pm	SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S (10-week session)
Thurs, Jan 21	10:00 am	Inward Journey Resumes
Fri, Jan 22		Girls Retreat (grades 8-12)
Sun, Jan 24	2:00 pm	Vernon Lunger Memorial Service
	7:00 pm	Inquirer's Seminar
Mon, Jan 25	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group

Pledge Envelopes in Fellowship Hall - thanks for taking yours!

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Light of the world,
we bow before You
in awe and adoration.

Bless us
and our simple faith
seeking understanding.

Epiphany means
manifestation,
lifting the veil,
revelation.

Reveal to us then
what we need to know
to love You,
and serve You,
and keep Your word
with fidelity and truth,
courage and hope,
this day and always.

Amen.

Miriam Therese Winter, 20th century

January 10, 2010

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