

## St. John's at Worship Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements (*please pass the fellowship roll*)

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1–12 (pg. 2)

\*Call to Worship

Leader: With the wise men, we come, searching for the Messiah.

**People: We have found him!**

**Jesus has been born King of kings and Lord of lords!**

Leader: And yet, we are still searching for glimpses of his presence and glory in this world and in our lives.

**People: We are still searching for light in the midst of darkness.**

Leader: May we encounter him *here, now*, and be illuminated by his presence as we worship God.

\*Hymn 219 “What Child Is This”

\*Prayer of Invocation and The 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.**

Unison Prayer of Confession *From a prayer by Howard Thurman*

**Gracious God, there will be much to test us**

**and make weak our strength before the year ends.**

**In our confusion we shall often say the word that is not true**

**and do the thing of which we are ashamed.**

**There will be errors in the mind and great inaccuracies of judgment.**

**In seeking the light,**

**we shall again and again find ourselves walking in the darkness.**

**We shall mistake *our* light for *Your* light,**

**and we shall drink from the responsibility of the choices we make.**

**Though our days be marked with failures, stumblings, and fallings,**

**let our spirits be free,**

**so that You may take them and redeem our moments**

**in all the ways our needs reveal.**

**Give us the quiet assurance of Your love and presence.**

**Grant that we may pass through the coming year with faithful hearts,**

**in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1–6 (pg. 690) Jeff Estabrook

Children's Time Rev. Joyner & Cammy Wagner

*As Pre-K–4<sup>th</sup> grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:*

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1–12 (pg. 193)

Sermon REVEALING GLORY Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 254, vv. 1, 5 “We Three Kings”

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory “Beautiful Saviour”

\*Doxology

**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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

\*Hymn 63 (INSERT) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Guest Musicians** *Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin)*

**Greeter** *Andrea Zomber*

**Ushers** *Jeanne & Chuck Lynam, Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson*

**Refreshments** *Susanne & Nader Engheta*

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our greeter, Mary K DaRin, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John's. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Today is the last day to give to the Christmas Joy Offering. For more than 70 years, the Presbyterian Church has collected the Christmas Joy Offering to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). This offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families) and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges (which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling). There are envelopes in the pew racks, or you can give online at [presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy)

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to sponsor flowers in 2019, please contact Jeanne Lynam. Cowan's Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members.

**REGISTER FOR ST. JOHN'S DANCING WITH THE STARS**

St. John's will be hosting a four-week adult dance class thought by a professional instructor. The class will meet on Saturdays, January 12 through February 2, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Light lunch and fellowship to follow. Cost is \$60 per person for the whole course, including lunch. Register today in the Fellowship Hall or contact Susanne Engheta. Space is limited, so register today!

**SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S ADULT ED. WINTER/SPRING 2019**

Our Adult Education program will be held Wednesdays, January 16 through March 20, 2019. We begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious church-cooked meal, followed by a choice of study to begin at 7:00 PM, and we conclude promptly at 8:00 PM. We are offering two 5-week classes during the first half of the winter program, followed by one 5-week class for the second half. See the bulletin insert for more information and course descriptions! Childcare is available. **Libby Dalrymple will be downstairs during coffee fellowship taking signups.** We are also looking for a dedicated clean-up crew. You will be treated to dinner and do not need to participate in the class. This is an important part of the success of our church program. If you would like to help, please contact Libby Dalrymple.

#### UPCOMING CONCERTS

St. John's will be hosting *two* special concerts in January:

#### Sunday, January 13 at 5:00 PM, *Our Favorite Things*

This is a free recital presented by Lara Kennedy and her colleagues Lyndsay Varsaci and Jonathan Kreamer, featuring handpicked selections from a variety of genres, including blues, gospel, classical, and musical theater.

#### Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 PM, *Folk Music II*

This is the next in Iris's monthly concert series, revisiting last year's popular focus on folk songs from around the world.

These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so we hope that you will join us and bring a friend for two wonderful evenings of amazing music.



#### Today – Youth Group Winter Kickoff (4–6 PM)

All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to kick off Youth Group in 2019 at **Escape Room Mystery in King of Prussia**. We will meet there at 4:00, and it is free! Space is full for this event.

#### Sunday, January 13 – Youth Fellowship

Join us in the Carriage House for games, food, fellowship, and fun!  
Middle School – 4:00–5:15  
High School – 4:45–6:00

#### High School Sabbath Retreat – Lake Naomi, Pocono Mountains

Join us for a weekend of relaxation, faith formation, and fellowship  
**Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27**. Sign-up now!

#### Monday, January 21 – MLK Day of Service (10 AM to 4 PM)

We will be making pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles as a part of Oliver Feldman's Eagle Scout project. Please let Ridgley know you will be attending, even if it's only for part of the time. Lunch will be served. Parents are welcome to join, especially those that have sewed pillowcases or volunteered before.

#### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, Jan 6</b>	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
<b>Mon, Jan 7</b>	11:00 am	Nominating Committee (Kean)
	6:45 pm	Youth CE Meeting (Carr. House)
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Training Meeting (Carriage House)
<b>Wed, Jan 9</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Sun, Jan 13</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Concert – <i>Our Favorite Things</i>

Patrick and Ridgley are out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. **If you have a pastoral emergency after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“A Prayer for Epiphany”  
by Walter Brueggemann

On Epiphany day,  
we are still the people walking.  
We are still people in the dark,  
and the darkness looms large around us,  
beset as we are by fear,  
anxiety,  
brutality,  
violence,  
loss –  
a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are – we *could* be – people of your light.  
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence  
as we wait for your appearing;  
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace  
as we exhaust our coping capacity;  
we pray for your gift of newness that  
will override our weariness;  
we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust  
in your good rule.

January 6, 2019  
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