

Minute for Ministry Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, The Presbyterian Foundation

Answering God's Call to Worship From Isaiah 60

**All: For darkness shall cover the earth,
but the Lord will arise upon us,
and God's glory will appear over us.**

**All: The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our God will be our glory!**

1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er-more be led to Thee.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav-en-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

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.

Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1–12 (pg. 2, N.T.)	Libby Dalrymple
Hymn 254, vss. 1, 5	“We Three Kings”	

As Pre-K–12th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

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

Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:16–18 (pg. 2, N.T.)
Anthem	“Coventry Carol”

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23 (pg. 2, N.T.)
Anthem “Jesus Entered Egypt”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:40–52 (pg. 59, N.T.)
Hymn **Insert** “A Stable Lamp Is Lighted”

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1–17 (pg. 2, N.T.)

***Presentation of Offering & Doxology (Hymn 95, Red)**
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.

*Benediction

*Postlude “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” *Buxtehude*

Please take time after the Postlude to greet one another, especially people you don't already know!

Usher Jeanne Lynam

Flowers The flowers today are given by Tom & Lynne Hay in honor of Logan Hay's first birthday, with much love from his grandparents. Last Sunday the flowers were given in memory of Kimberly Elaine Hayman by Uncle Johnny on her birthday.

No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! 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 the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

After the scripture reading, grades K–12 will leave with their teachers. If this is your child's first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, there are offering trays located at each door in the sanctuary. You can also give electronically by scanning this QR code. Prayer request cards can be placed in one of the offering trays.

After worship today, there will be a seminar on planned giving and legacy giving in the Carriage House, led by the Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, a Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation. Rose works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides financial coaching to church committees. We hope that you can join her to learn how we can continue supporting our church family into the future!

Join us tomorrow, January 12, for lunch and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation about how to prayerfully plan giving to leave a legacy of God's kingdom that outlasts us. Please RSVP by today!

Help brighten the day of a critically ill child by joining us on MLK Day, Monday, January 19, as we sew pillowcases to support Case for Smiles. No experience is needed, and all are invited to participate. We will pair novice volunteers with others who can help guide you. Sign up for one or more sessions. Food and fun music will be provided. Donations are gladly accepted to help cover the cost of fabric. Please sign up using the link in the weekly email. If you have a Team Oliver shirt, please wear it!

The Sundry book study meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House, apart from the first Sunday of every month. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Quick Links). They are discussing *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Stiving for God's Justice* by Scott Black Johnston. If you would like to find out more or order a book, contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547).

The Men's Group will meet Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to continue their study on the book of Isaiah. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If there is not a box of envelopes with your name on it, but you would like one, please email Brian Bouvier (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of St. John’s is called for **Sunday, January 25 immediately following worship**, for the purpose of distributing the Annual Report, presenting the 2026 budget, and electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. We will also be introducing our new mission/vision statement and core values, along with the new logo and branding!

All members of St. John’s are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report will be distributed by email before the meeting (there will also be paper copies available for pickup). The names and biographies of the nominees for Elder, Deacon, and Trustee will also be made available in advance.

For those currently serving as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, committee reports to be included with the Annual Report should be emailed to Annie in Word document format no later than Friday, January 16.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS – BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
This Lent we will be gathering in weekly small groups for fellowship and discussion about the previous week’s sermon. Your group can meet after supper on Wednesdays at the church, in a home, or even out for coffee! If you’d like to participate in a small group this Lenten season, please sign up by February 5 using the link in the weekly email.

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S RETURNS JANUARY 21!

Join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for a warm, home-cooked meal and fellowship starting January 21. If you’d like to help in the kitchen (always needed!), there is a link in the weekly email for you to sign up to help. RSVP links will be in the weekly email as well! Our class for the first four weeks will be:

St. John’s, Where Everybody Knows Your Name
Led by Gavin Kerr and Lisa Howell
Creating a place where people are known, welcomed, and valued is foundational to who we are and to who we are called to be at St. John’s. It’s also something our world is deeply longing for. Join us for a highly interactive 4-week class exploring belonging, connection, and community at St. John’s.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to everyone in our church family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email or a card in the mail. Contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

January 5 **Bob Chudy**
January 11 **Noah Carty**
January 12 **Sam Hillier**
January 16 **Ginger Black**
January 19 **Sarah Duncan**
January 22 **Jen Lortz**
January 26 **Kathy Johnson**
January 28 **Annie Carruthers, Skip McClennen**

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR		
Sun, Jan. 11	Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Sunday	
	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School (Pre-K–12)
	11:00 am	Planned Giving Seminar (Carriage House)
Mon, Jan. 12	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
	11:30 am	Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean)
Tues, Jan. 13	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
Thurs, Jan. 15	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (FH)
Sat, Jan. 17	9:00 am	Exercise Class (FH)
Sun, Jan. 18	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School (Pre-K–12)

This Week in the Church Office

The church office is open Monday–Friday (9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.). Please send any bulletin announcements to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by **Noon on Wednesday**.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley’s sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.


If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed, please call 484-604-0499.



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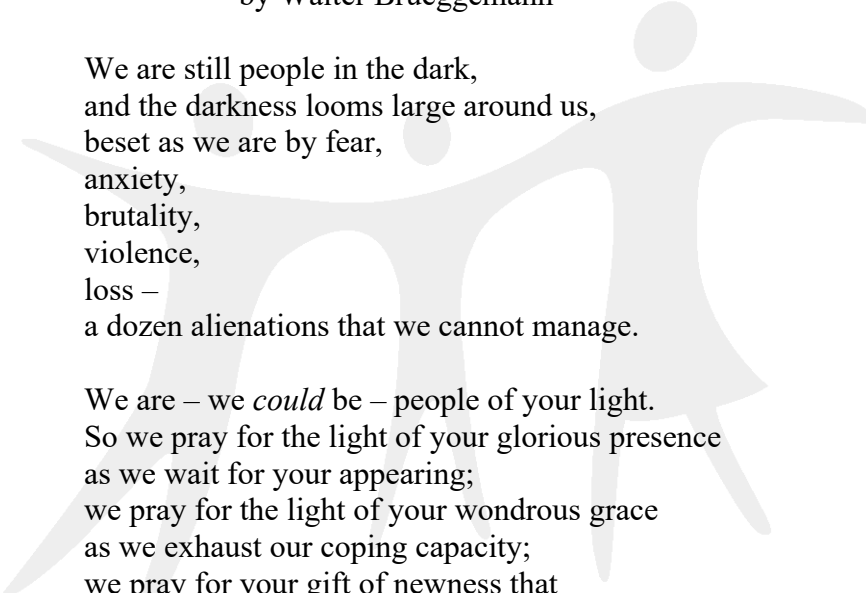
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

From “A Prayer for Epiphany”
by Walter Brueggemann

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.



Sunday, January 11, 2026
Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Sunday