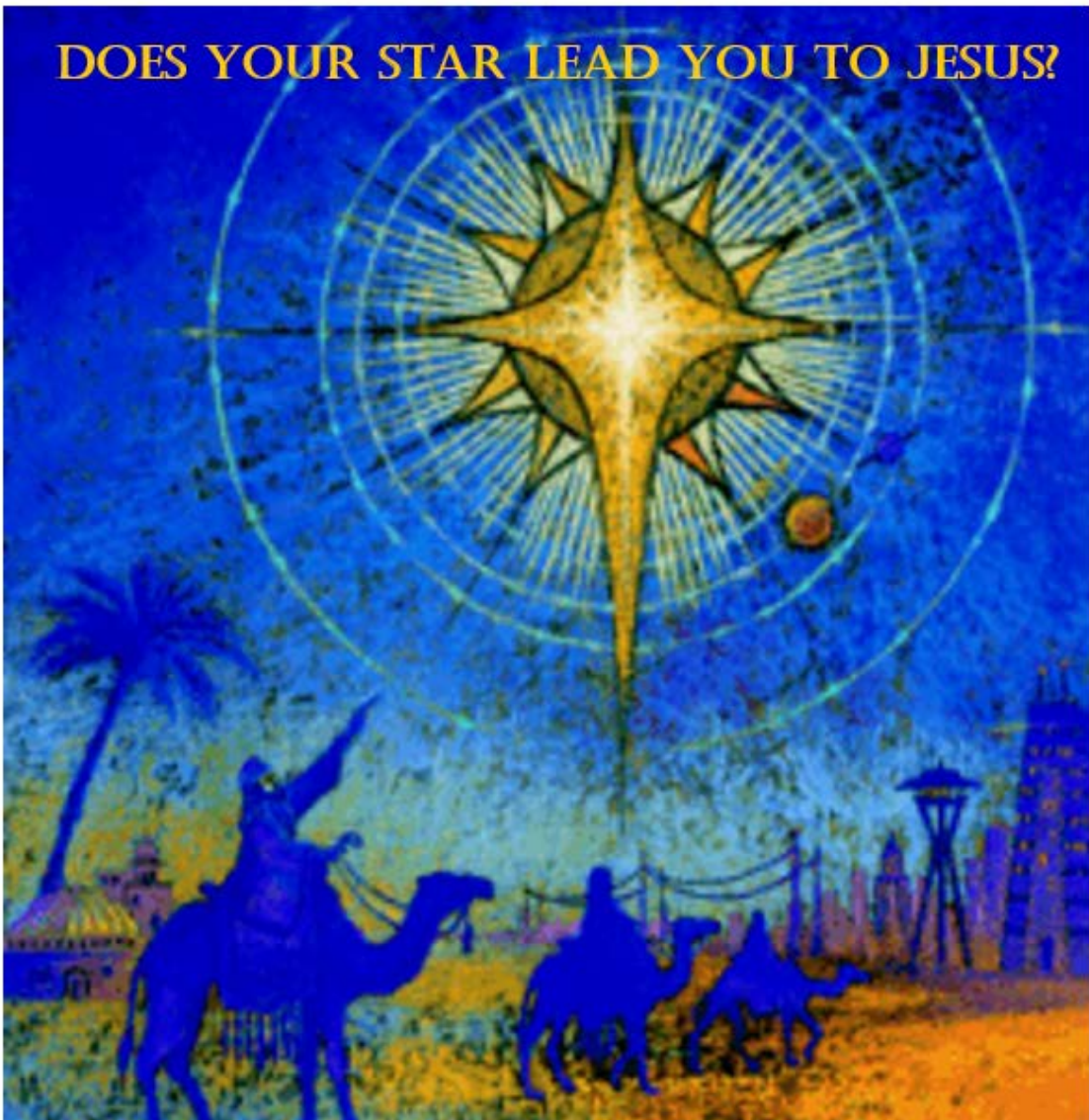


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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021
10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor
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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ **GATHERING SONG**

Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child
FUPCDC Music Team

Robert Elkins (CCLI# 4206259)

Chorus

Jesus Jesus
Oh what a wonderful child
Jesus Jesus
So lowly meek and mild
New life new hope
New joy He brings
Won't you listen to the angels sing
Glory glory glory
To the newborn King

Verse

He was herald by the angels
Born in a lowly manger
The virgin Mary was His mother
And Joseph was His earthly father
Three wise men came from afar
They were guided by a shining star
Just to see King Jesus where He lay
In a manger filled with hay

Bridge

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

WELCOME

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Isaiah 60*)

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed";
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

3 While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.

4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12*)

Ginger Galaini

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*John 3:19-21*)

Ginger Galaini

Jesus calls us to confess our sin with these words: "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. All who do evil hate the light, and will not come to the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what each one has done has been done through God." Let us now confess our sins before God and one another, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginger Galaini

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, and wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own needs in perspective, worshiping Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is Kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance,

the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls.

Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.

Thanks be to God!

+ **RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (verse 1)*

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

+ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "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." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They 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.' "

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then 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." ⁹ When 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

La voici, la nuit de Dieu

Henry John Gauntlett, Claude Duchesneau
Morelle Fokwa and Guylaine Nkamse, Singers
Justin Streletz, Pianist
Translation by Morelle Fokwa

Verse 1

Every night relives in silence,
the secret that made the first day.
This night sings to us the birth
through which God brings His love to the world.

Chorus

This is it, the night of God,
from which daylight will be born like a fire.

Verse 2

Every night has its own weight of anguish,
when the ceiling of darkness covers us.
This night holds on to each passing instant,
in order to have the time to be joyful.

Verse 3

Every night brings to our misery,
the good deeds of a restful silence.
This night all we get comes from a mother,
who gifts us her child.

MESSAGE

Star Gifts

The Congregation of FUPCDC

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. (Refrain)

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Welcome To Our World

Martin Andrews, Soloist

Chris Rice (CCLI#: 2317391)

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Joseph W.

Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. In Christ your Son, you have given the world eternal light that burns brightly in the midst of darkness. Like the magi, when you draw us near, we are overwhelmed with joy! Lead us by your Spirit to share your warmth and grace with our neighbors. Let our lives in this new year be an offering. We pray through Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

One King

Gayla Borders, Jeff Borders, Lowell Alexander (CCLI#: 2879482)
Becca and Chris Anderson, Singers

Chorus

One king held the frankincense
One king held the myrrh
One king held the purest gold
(And) one King held the hope of the world

Verse 1

Kings of earth on a course unknown
Bearing gifts from afar
Hoping praying following yonder star
Silhouette of a caravan
Painted against the sky
Wise men searching for the holy Child

Verse 2

A star hangs over Bethlehem
A journey ends in the night
Three kings trembling
Behold the glorious sight
Heaven's treasure Emmanuel
Drawing men to bow down
Tiny Baby born to wear a crown

Bridge

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
O tiny Baby born to wear a crown

Ending

The hope of the world
The hope of the world
The hope of the world

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ **CLOSING SONG** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus, the Light of the World* 127

1 Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

2 Joyful all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

3 Christ by highest heaven adored;
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. **(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ **POSTLUDE**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Joel Raney
Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- * **HOLIDAY GREETING FROM YOUR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Friendly reminder, this time of year, lends itself to "bad people" looking to find creative ways to acquire your money. If you receive a phone call (whether from a live person or recording), stating it is the IRS, government, or law enforcement, etc.; know that most law enforcement will not call your house and ask you for your personal information, e.g., social security, birth dates, addresses, and other personal information. If you receive a call from someone identifying themselves as law enforcement, look up the phone number and ask them for a call back number. Please know that these entities will NEVER ask you to buy gift cards to pay your debts. If it sounds suspicious, ask someone - use your intuition, it is usually right.

In addition, today's technology allows people to "spoof" identities. They can do this by "pretending" to be another person through email, social media, phone calls, etc. If one of your acquaintances is asking you for something that is unusual - please question it. If someone is contacting you through email, social media or an unusual phone number, pick up the phone (using their known number) and call them and talk to them to verify if they made the request. Usually, no one will call you and ask you to buy them gift cards, to wire money or money orders. Some potential scams are when a "bad person" talks about needing money to get some loved one out of jail, they may talk about losing their wallet/credit cards while on travel; they may talk about some temporary bind they are in. They will work on you being a good person and always willing to help someone in need. These people are also very persistent: ignore them until you verify. Sad to say, the holiday season is a perfect time for scam artists. Don't be fooled - be careful. The Safety and Security Committee will be holding an internet safety discussion at the beginning of 2021. More information will be coming soon.

- * **GIVING:** Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2021. Your support of the programs and ministries of FUPCDC that are *IMPACTING LIVES* is greatly appreciated! If you have not already pledged, you can do so by completing a pledge card and mailing it to the church or by going to the church website and clicking on the 2021 Pledge Card button. Contributions can be made by a check mailed to FUPCDC, 14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or online by going to the church website, <https://fupcdc.org/give-online>. Thank you for giving to the Lord.
- * **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (Simon Peter: the Flawed but Faithful Disciple):** He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. This is a six-week study utilizing material developed by Adam Hamilton. Class will meet Sundays at 8:30 to 9:30 AM via Zoom. All are invited to participate. Contact Peter Glyer, 703-590-0856 or peterglyer@gmail.com for additional information.

- * **BIBLE BUDDIES:** Zoom Along with the Monday Night Ladies Bible Buddies every **Monday at 7:00 PM** for Bible Study and Fellowship. Please contact Betty Matthews, 703-618-9127 or bettysmatthews1@verizon.net for more information. The Bible Buddies next study will be Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough by Kay Warren beginning on **January 4th**. Illness, financial worries, relational problems, loneliness, anxiety—we all deal with challenging issues. But Warren says that a joy-filled life is within reach, no matter what your circumstances!
- * **PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the Gospel of Matthew every Wednesday at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor Adam for the instructions to join via computer or phone. All are welcome. **We will not meet on January 6th**.
- * **SEWING FACE MASKS:** In keeping with FUPCDC's commitment to serve the needs of the community, the Mission and Outreach Committee is accepting face masks made by members and friends of the congregation and distributing them where they are needed within the local community. To date, masks have been donated to GPW Health Center, Potomac Place Assisted Living, Westminster at Lake Ridge, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, and ACTS. There is a collection bin outside the door where you can place masks. Many thanks to those who have been participating in this ministry. If you have any questions, please call Pat Manalio (703-283-2948) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526).
- * **NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2021:** The 2021 flower chart is now hanging in the Narthex Welcome Center. If you would like to sign up, please contact Kim in the church office to check availability. The cost remains **\$40.00**. We need to know the week you would like them, who you would like them in honor or memory of, and if you would like to keep the flowers or donate them to the flower ministry. If you wish to donate them, they will be given to members of the congregation to share God's love and cheer them up. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Cobb at gailzcobb@gmail.com.
- * **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION:** Every **Sunday, 8:45 - 9:30 AM**, we will be joining King's Grant Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA, via Zoom, for children in 2nd grade to 6th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * **HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY:** "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament" is the title of the 2020 - 2021 women's Bible study. We will meet via Zoom on the **second Monday of each month, at 9:30 AM**. This is a study on the hope we can find in the scriptures. Contact Sara Porter, saraporter@comcast.net, or 703-670-8737 for more information.
- * **FUPCDC CONTEMPLATIVE YOGA CLASS VIA ZOOM:** Join us for a time to prayerfully release your cares and recharge physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The Contemplative Yoga group has a spot just for you on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:10 AM** on Zoom. Classes are always free, just click this link to sign up: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SIGNUP](#).

- * **SPREAD THE WARMTH:** Are you looking for a worthwhile project to do while staying at home? Do you knit or crochet? If so, we have the perfect project for you. Our group makes hats and scarves for our friends in the community who are in need of something warm to wear during the winter. We also make hats for those suffering from cancer. If you would like to help or to find out more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Glycer at lizglyer@gmail.com.
- * **MEN'S GROUP:** In lieu of our monthly Men's Breakfast, we now have several small groups of men that meet weekly for 30 minutes for devotion and prayer time. This is a phone-in conference call. We have slots available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please contact Sam Parris for your slot: 703-946-7266 or email at samjparris@aol.com.
- * **SPREAD THE BREAD:** Spread the Bread is our ministry for people experiencing homelessness. We currently provide a meal each Sunday at 12:20 PM for around 50 people in Prince William County. Volunteer opportunities include making sandwiches, donating drinks and chips, prayer, and more! If you would like to help in any way, please email Jon Guest, jon.a.guest@gmail.com.
- * **SPREAD THE LOVE:** We need volunteers to write cards/notes to those in quarantine or to folks who are experiencing isolation due to COVID-19. Other volunteer opportunities include making phone calls to check in with people who may need socialization. If you would like to volunteer for Spread the Love or suggest people to receive cards or calls, please email Sam Parris, samjparris@aol.com.
- * **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:** We need volunteers to receive one to two emails a week with prayer requests...and pray! If you would like to volunteer to pray, please contact the Church Office, office@fupcdc.org.

Student Ministry News

- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

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| ✝ Gordon MacDonald | * Tim Elliott | * Reed and Leslie Glycer | * Norman Cox |
| * Derrick Schnebelt | * Jeanette Gregory | * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme | * Jeannine Menzie |
| * Dana Schnebelt | * Joanne Willis | * Baby Dean Moy | * Larry Menzie |
| * Mary Jackson | * Amanda Peck | * Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh | * Linda Ford |
| * Jim Lawson | * Shirley Westveer | * Jim and Jerolyn Randles | * Lynn Wilson |
| * Marti Glycer | * Virginia McPherson | * Sam Parris' Dad | * Leigh Anderson |
| * Barb McGill | * Debbie Niederriter | * Bill and Laura Parris | * Grace Ofosu-Addo |
| * Waddell | * Marjorie Lawrence | * Jason, Adriana, Mikhail Corbin | * Larry Hodges |
| * Kathryn Avery | * Patrick Cobb | * Edgar Hodges | * Nate Johnson |
| * Becca Whitfield | * Mildred Shenk | * Danny Pressley | |

* We pray for all who have lost a loved one this year that they may know peace, have comfort, and know they are never alone. - Curt and Claire Hoagland

* Please pray for the residents and staff of Potomac Place Assisted Living facility.
- Linda Wolstenholme

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

- ✝ Kelsey Gibson
- ✝ 2nd Lt. Sam Presley, just deployed to Middle East - Mike and Ruth Washburg's nephew

Celebrations of joy with thanksgiving to God:

- ✝ Praise the Lord for giving our wonderful president the wisdom, swift action and love for his country that the vaccine is now being given to our citizens and will save millions of lives here and around the world. "What profits (men) to gain the whole world, but lose (their) own souls?" (Mark 8:36) Unceasing prayers that God will save our beloved country. - Carol Miller

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

- ✝ Korean Presbyterian Church - Rockville, MD
- ✝ Laurel Presbyterian Church - Laurel, MD

Calendar

January 3 - 10, 2021

SUNDAY, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - Communion - Online Live Stream

MONDAY, January 4

10:00 AM Personnel Committee

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

7:00 PM Bible Buddies via Zoom

TUESDAY, January 5

3:00 PM Congregational Connections Committee via Zoom

6:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee via Zoom

7:00 PM Adult Christian Education Committee via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, January 6

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

THURSDAY, January 7

FRIDAY, January 8

10:30 AM Holy Fitness via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 9

SUNDAY, January 10

8:45 AM Children's Education via Zoom

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Online Live Stream

1:15 PM Building and Grounds Committee via Zoom

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 Pastor..... Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Chancel Choir Director Dana Van Slyke
 Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz
 Contemporary Worship Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Children’s/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

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