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The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019  
8:30 AM

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*Passion for Christ-Compassion for Others  
Loving God-Loving Others  
Connect-Grow-Serve*

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME****BELLS**

*The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE****WELCOME****MINISTRY IN ACTION**

- † Eat This Book, Adult Christian Education
- † Tree of Hope/Yucatán Mission Trip

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

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!

(Isaiah 60)

+ **OPENING HYMN**      *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*      314

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

(based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12)

## **+ CALL TO CONFESSON**

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...

(John 3:19-21)

## **+ PRAYER OF CONFESSON**

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 need in perspective, worshiping the 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...

## **+ 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.

(2 times)

**+ PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

#### ANTHEM

*One King*  
Soloist: Lois Walker

Arr. Angerman and Barrett

#### GOSPEL LESSON

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

Matthew 2:1-12

#### SERMON

"Why Did They Go?"

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### 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 speak to Pastor Adam or an usher.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

<b>+ HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	151
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### SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SPIRITUAL

<b>+ DOXOLOGY</b>	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.	606
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## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates. All the bread is gluten free. Receive the bread and partake, and then receive the small cup of juice and partake. Empty cups can be placed in the baskets on your way back to your seat using the outside aisle. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.

## 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 (All Sing)

Music by 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

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

## 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

### + HYMN

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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### + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**+ POSTLUDE**

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

*We welcome guest accompanist, John Kunu.*

# **Worship Notes**

- \* **WELCOME!** Whether new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please fill out the card in the friendship register and bring it to the rear of the sanctuary after the service for a special gift. To find out more about this church, please ask at the Welcome Table or call the Church Office.
- \* **LITURGISTS:** Tim Camus (8:30)  
Sam Parris (11:00)
- \* **GREETERS:** Barbara Baker and Becky Elliott (8:30)  
Jennifer Casey and Debbie Boisvert (11:00)
- \* **FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.
- \* **PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT** to ensure your electronic devices are silenced during the worship service.
- \* **SPECIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE:**  
*Hearing Assistance Systems* .....at the sound station  
*Wheelchairs* .....in the office area storage room  
*Enlarged bulletins* .....contact Church Office  
*Rocking Chairs for parents with young children*..... in the back of church

# **Ministry in Action**

- † TREE OF HOPE:** The Yucatán Mission Team will be leaving at the end of the month. They are in need of craft supplies for their Children's Bible classes. Please pick a card from the Tree of Hope in the Narthex Welcome Center and bring in the supplies by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!
- † 2019 PLEDGES/ PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** We look forward with JOY what God has for FUPCDC in 2019! If you have not pledged for 2019, prayerfully consider what God wants you to pledge. 2019 Weekly Offering Pledge Envelopes (WOPE) boxes/Pledge Cards may be picked up in the Narthex Welcome Center. "Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." ~ Luke 6:38

- † **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE:** Please join us for Wednesday Night Alive at 6 PM. On January 9<sup>th</sup> the meal is Potluck "A Healthy Start". Contact Jon or Gaylene Guest with any questions. Pastor's Bible Study and Choir practice are at 7 PM.
- \* **EAT THIS BOOK:** Today, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM, a nine-week journey begins as we gather for EAT THIS BOOK. Eugene Peterson, author, PCUSA Pastor, and theologian states that the way we read the Bible is as important as reading scripture. He is convinced that Spirit sourced writing requires a distinctively spiritual kind of reading! Join us as we experience spiritual reading that enters our souls as food enters our stomachs and becomes holiness and love and wisdom".
- \* **BLANKET/SLEEPING BAG DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS:** The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your donations of blankets and sleeping bags on Christmas Eve. The donations will be distributed to the homeless over the next few weeks.
- \* **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Pastor's Bible Study will start back on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for "Advent Conspiracy". "Advent Conspiracy is a global movement of people and churches resisting the cultural Christmas narrative of consumption by choosing a revolutionary Christmas through Worshiping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More, and Loving All." Please check out the Advent Conspiracy website to learn more: <http://www.adventconspiracy.org>.
- \* **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Come begin a new NOOMA bible study on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The first short film is "Rain". "Things don't always work out the way we want them to, or the way we think they will. We can get hit with some form of pain out of nowhere leaving us feeling desperate and helpless. Maybe it's when we're in these situations, where everything seems to be falling apart, that God gets an opportunity to remind us of how much He really loves us."
- \* **A FURTHER LOOK AT FIRST UNITED:** Interested in exploring your faith journey and how it relates to membership at FUPCDC? New Member classes beginning in January will assist in your quest. Join us on Sunday mornings beginning January 13, 2019 at the 9:45 AM Christian Education hour when the New Member Class begins a 5-week journey. Explore your faith, learn about Presbyterian history and beliefs, and understand how FUPCDC serves its congregation and community through worship, mission outreach, and church programs and activities. Please register on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex Welcome Center. For any questions, call the church office at 703-670-7834 or the New Member Coordinator, Marti Hall at 703-626-2269.

## *Joys and Concerns*

All those who are ill, convalescing or facing difficulties, including:

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| † Caitlin Ritenour | * Jean Peterman    | * Amy Smith    | * Melinda McDaniel |
| * Justin Streletz  | * Mark Elliott     | * Craig Layton | * Larry Menzie     |
| * Lynn Wilson      | * Patricia Whitman | * Pam Palisin  |                    |
- † Congregational love and sympathy is extended to Gloria Coffield and family at the death of her brother-in-law, James Coffield.

## Celebrations of joys with thanksgiving to God:

† Alberta Wright-Kargbo's daughter, Shazia Farheen Fatmata Kargbo was born on December 27, 2018.

# Calendar

## January 6 - 13, 2019

### SUNDAY, January 6

8:30 AM	Worship - Traditional Communion
9:45 AM	Education Hour/Kidz Church
11:00 AM	Worship - Contemporary Communion
11:00 AM	Kidz Church
12:15 PM	Spread the Bread
1:00 PM	Peace Church
5:45 PM	Jubilation Bells
7:00 PM	Pack Committee Meeting

### MONDAY, January 7

11:00 AM	Holy Fitness
7:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 289
7:00 PM	Stewardship Committee

### TUESDAY, January 8

8:45 AM	TOPS
1:00 PM	Al-Anon
4:30 PM	Lessons
6:45 PM	Boy Scout Troop 964
7:00 PM	ACE Committee
7:00 PM	Nominating Committee
7:00 PM	Worship Committee
7:30 PM	AA 101

### WEDNESDAY, January 9

10:15 AM	Staff Meeting
11:00 AM	Holy Fitness
6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Alive
6:00 PM	Communications Committee
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM	RIF Meeting

### THURSDAY, January 10

3:00 PM	Prayer and Praise
6:00 PM	Children's Choir
7:00 PM	Congregational Connections
7:00 PM	Finance & Admin Committee
7:00 PM	Notes of Salvation
8:00 PM	AA Support Group

### FRIDAY, January 11

11:00 AM	Holy Fitness
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### SATURDAY, January 12

8:30 AM	Devotional Fitness
2:00 PM	Eagle Scout Court of Honor

### SUNDAY, January 13

Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons	
8:30 AM	Worship - Traditional
9:45 AM	Education Hour/Kidz Church
9:45 AM	New Member Class
11:00 AM	Worship - Contemporary
11:00 AM	Kidz Church
12:15 PM	Spread the Bread
12:30 PM	Children's Ministry Committee
1:00 PM	Peace Church
5:30 PM	Bereaved Parents
Annual Service of Remembrance	
5:45 PM	Jubilation Handbells

Rev. Adam C. Bowling  
*Pastor*

Becca & Chris Anderson.....Contemporary Worship Co-Directors  
Children's Choir Directors  
Homer Detrich.....Sexton  
Ike Evans.....Jubilation Handbell Director  
Joann Paige.....Nursery Supervisor  
Kim Parker.....Office Manager  
Tiffany Ramsey ..... Little Hands Preschool Director  
Justin Streletz.....Accompanist  
Dana Van Slyke ..... Music Director