

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Epiphany of the Lord

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 6, 2019 | 10 AM | Rev. Kathryn Morgan

Meditation

Creator of the Stars of Night, you have made all the light in the universe, all the light beyond what we can see. When our own light is dim, fill us with your light. When we are feeling the pain and sorrow of this world, may we know your love more fully and deeply. When we notice others who're struggling, who are in the shadows and feeling unloved, may we be your light and love to them. Help us to shine bright and help us to love deeply. Amen.

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" - arr. Rowland-Raybold

Call to Worship

One: We gather wondering, "Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?"

All: **We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.**

One: We gather asking, "where will we find the Child of Christmas?"

All: **We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

One: We gather wanting to know, "where will we find the Christ who has come for us?"

All: **We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

*Hymn No. 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

God of Light and Love, we confess that we search for your light our motives for seeking Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires for wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us for being so foolish to put our wants ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago who found hope, who found grace, who found your light in a child. As we journey with your Son, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen.

Moment of Silence

*Hymn No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"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..."

World without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, world without end, without end, Amen, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

*Passing of Peace

Anthem "Carol of the Epiphany" - Bell

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(Children will return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: **God be with you there.**

Children: **God be with you here.**

Scripture

- Ephesians 3:1-12 NT 193 LP 235-6
- Matthew 2:1-12 NT 2 LP 2

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Epiphanies Large and Small" — Rev. Kathryn Morgan

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins...
the resurrection of the body,
and the live everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "We Three Kings" - arr. Held

*Doxology No. 606

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.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.**

One: People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

All: **We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Prayers of the People

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.

Words of Institution Rev. Kathryn Morgan

Communion Hymn No. 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

(Communion Servers, please come forward.) *Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.*

The Sharing of the Supper

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, thank you for coming down to us in bread and wine. Send us out into the world to tell everyone about your love. Amen.

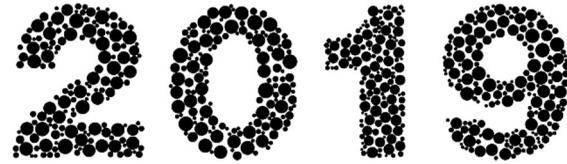
***Hymn No. 151** "We Three Kings"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 853** "We Are Marching In the Light of God"
 "We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God."

Postlude "Sing of God Made Manifest" - arr. Hobby

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



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This Week's Calendar • January 6 to 13

<i>Sunday</i> January 6	10 AM Worship/Pick-Up Family Choir 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge
<i>Monday</i> January 7	7 PM Session – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> January 8	
<i>Wednesday</i> January 9	5:30 PM Youth Group – Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> January 10	5:45 PM Youth Handbell Choir Practice – Music Room 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> January 11	7 PM Theology on Tap – Sanctuary/Human Village
<i>Saturday</i> January 12	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Sunday</i> January 13	Baptism of the Lord 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Communion Servers	Barb Stech, Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell, Stephen Hwang
Liturgist	Pat Meudt
Greeter	Peggy Price
Ushers	Jim Smathers, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing, Cathy Russo
Tellers	Jim Smathers, Jeff Downing, Vicki Downing



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Roberta Rowland-Raybold's 2015 setting of a German Epiphany carol, "Wie Schon Leuchtet." The anthem was written by John Bell in 1988 for the Iona Community in Glasgow, Scotland. In this modern re-imagining, the first three verses are each a first-person narrative by one of the three kings. The last two verses sum up the meaning of their quest. The postlude is Robert Hobby's 2002 setting of the hymn tune "Salzburg." We thank the Pick-Up Family Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

Happy Birthday

January 6	Greg Golden
January 7	Renee Sheridan
January 8	Debby Leach
January 9	Bobbi Crenco
January 11	Beverly Benson
January 13	Pam Capanna



Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

- Communion on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM