



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE (sung) Alfred Burt
The Star Carol
Lesley Curtis, soprano

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 60:1,3,4-5, 6b) Susan Dunlap

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

Leader: God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

People: **We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 152** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Susan Dunlap

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the
poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star
that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and
lead us to offer ourselves to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible, OT Page 690)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT Page 2)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Those who are able, please stand.

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)* (From *A Declaration of Faith*) John Weicher

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

***HYMN NO. 749** *Come! Live in the Light!* *We Are Called*

***THE PEACE** Susan Dunlap

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

(Following "A Time with the Children," children may return to childcare or join their parents and siblings as they go back to their seats.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Solo

The Carol of the Birds

Eric Thiman

Lesley Curtis, soprano

***Doxology** (Hymn No. 147, verses 5-6) *The First Nowell*

***Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.***

***Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.***

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

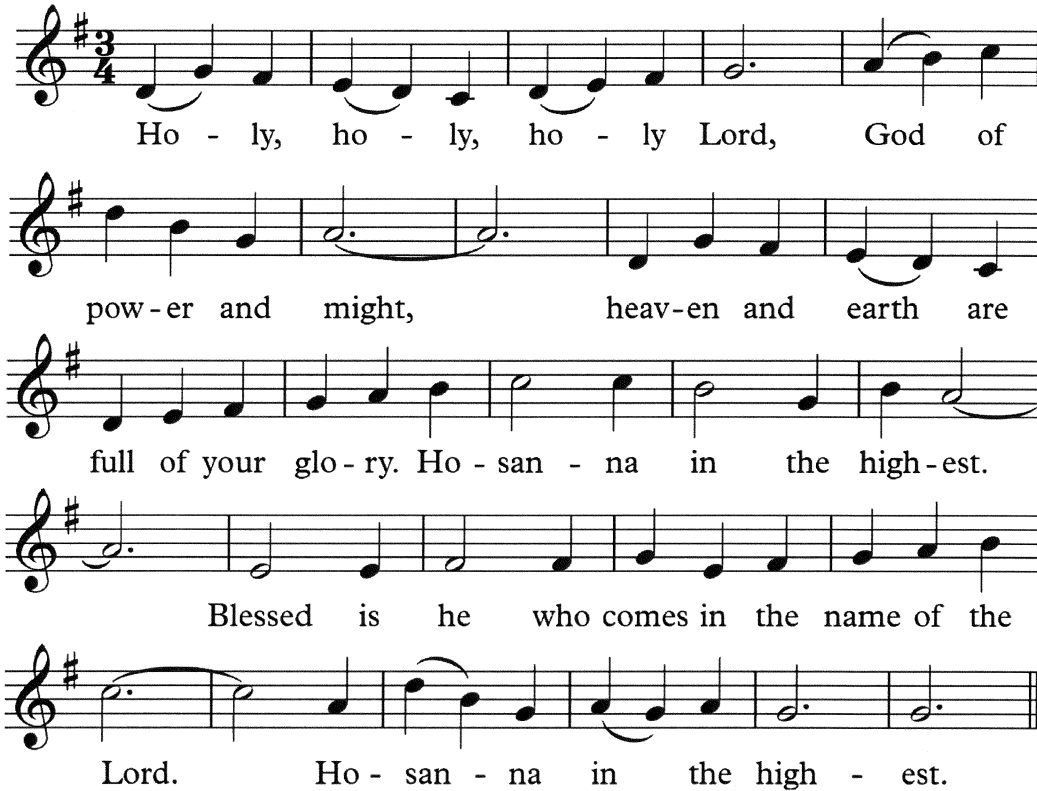
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. By your power you created all that is and rule over all things in love. Throughout the ages you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. When we failed you, you did not fail us and sent prophets to call us back to your ways. We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the World. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572

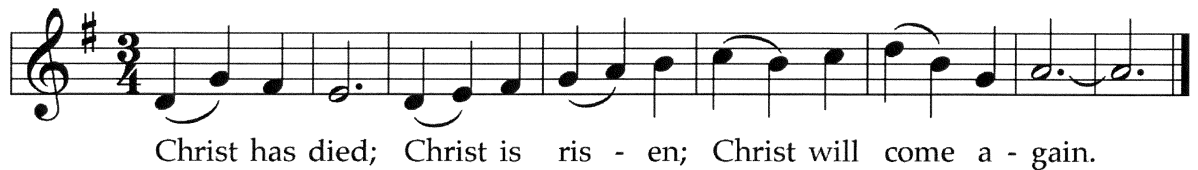


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

Leader: As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

John Weicher, Mindy Douglas

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We celebrate communion by intinction, coming forward to dip the bread into the cup. Ushers will direct you to stations at the front of the sanctuary. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and remember God's greatest gift as you return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you in the pew. As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.

Communion Hymn (all sing)

What Feast of Love

Sung to Greensleeves

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?

What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Noel Rawsthorne

Following worship today, you are invited to take one or more poinsettias with you to enjoy at home or to share with someone you know who loves poinsettias. We are grateful to *Arthur Clark* for donating them for the season.

The Alleluia Children's Choir will rehearse in the choir room at 5:00 p.m. today.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, December 29, we welcomed 28 visitors to our worship service.

The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that, by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way. Of course, you may always choose to pray in the words closest to your heart, be those words debts or trespasses.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship (2018)* and *Feasting on the Word*.

Copies of the *These Days* devotional booklet for January – March 2020 have arrived. Pick up a free copy, regular or large print, from the foyer or narthex while supplies last.

A Call for Nominations: The Nominating Committee has been charged with presenting a slate of candidates for the Class of 2023 Diaconate, Session, and at-large members of the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed nomination form to submit your nominations. The deadline is January 19, 2020.

Inquirers' Classes

Are you curious about our beliefs and life at FPC? If so, please join us for the remaining two inquirers' classes which will meet from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, January 12 and 19. You do not have to attend these classes to join First Presbyterian Church. New members will be received on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Contact **Mindy Douglas** (m.douglas@firstpres-durham.org) for more information about these classes and how to become a member of FPC.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

SONAM (Singers of New and Ancient Music) CONCERT – 3:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary

All proceeds will benefit *East Durham Children's Initiative*, a nonprofit organization that helps children in Durham from cradle to college and career. They provide a pipeline of high quality services to children and families, including early childhood interventions, parent and family support, after school and summer programs, health and nutrition services, and community outreach. The concert will feature music about light and gifts written by contemporary female composers, as well as the first half of Rachmaninoff's magnificent *All-Night Vigil*. To see the full program, visit SONAM's upcoming concerts page.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Durham City/County Employees' MLK Civic Celebration
12 noon, FPC sanctuary

MONDAY, JANUARY 20
MLK Day Family Mission Project at FPC

All ages, especially families with school-age children, are invited to church for three service activities on MLK Day, January 20, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. In addition to making the dry bean soup packets like last year, we will also assemble Blessing Bags and write cards to be delivered with Meals on Wheels. In preparation, please bring donations of cheese crackers, fruit snacks, granola bars and bottled water for the Blessing Bags. These service activities are sponsored jointly by the Christian Education and Service and Mission Committees.

Annual MLK Unity March and Rally

Sponsored by the Durham Community MLK Steering Committee, the march begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 W. Chapel Hill Street) and ends in the sanctuary of FPC with a worship rally. All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the worship. The Durham Children's Choir will provide music for the service.

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend condolences to the family of *Joseph Ngumi*, FPC member who died December 27 at his home in Durham. If you would like to help Joseph's family with the cost to ship his body back to Kenya for burial, give your donation to First Presbyterian Church. Make check payable to FPC, memo: Ngumi Burial.

Added: *Faye Thomas, friend of FPC*

Chuck Barenchi
Isabel Brown
Carol McKnight
Margaret Mubanga
Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett
Carolyn Wolfe

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

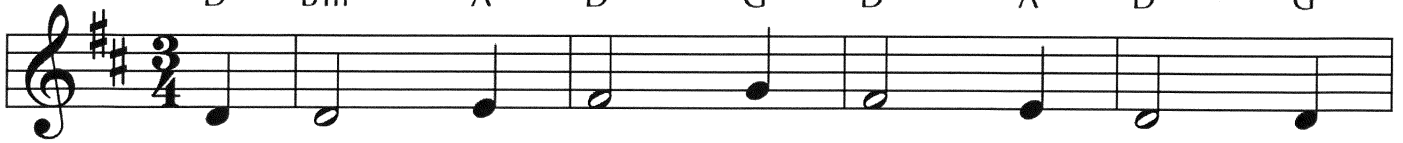
Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King
Ralph Edwards, grandfather of Amy Wilson
Carley and Jon Meade, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin, and Dayton Meade
Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece
Larry Newark, brother-in-law of Jean Wilson
Ellen O'Brien, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas
Danny Parker, father-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood's son Jon
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*
Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): *Arthur Clark*
Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*
Emerald Pond, Durham: *Paul Cornsweet*
Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*
Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
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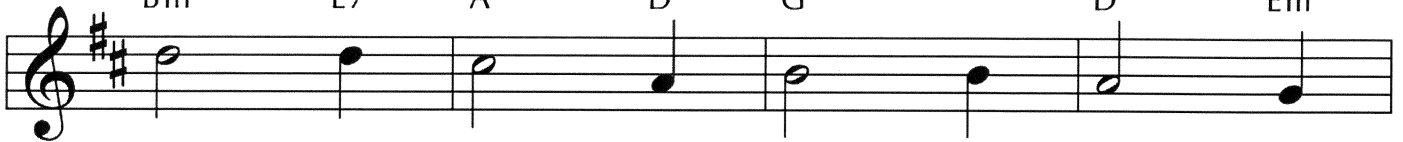
1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A



love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D



ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



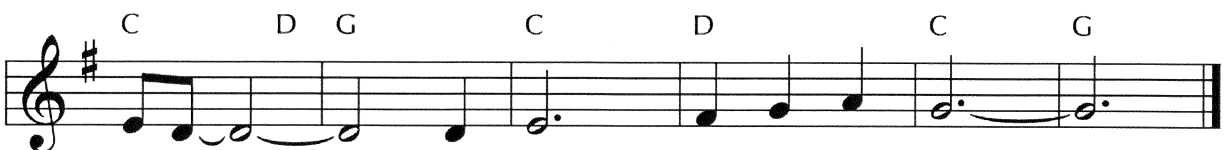
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy 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 thee, whom heaven 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 heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

UNEVEN GROUND: THE HISTORY OF HOUSING AND LAND INEQUALITY IN DURHAM, NC



Please come to Watts-Hill Hall (dates below) and explore faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue.

Title: Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground **Exhibit dates: January 3 - February 16, 2020**

Special events held at First Presbyterian Church:

January 14: Gentrification: the New Segregation? 6-7:30 p.m.; gallery viewing, panel and community discussion on past and current housing issues in Durham and how faith communities have played a role in the segregation, integration, and development of the Durham community.

January 19: Opening Reception at 12:15 p.m.; gallery viewing, refreshments, and a presentation by Bull City 150.

February 4: Sharing, Naming, and Healing at 6 p.m.; an open house closed by a vigil of Durham residents sharing their own stories of their housing experiences in Durham, community responses, and prayers of lament and hope for communal healing and justice.

Description: In recognition of the image of God in us all, the dignity and sacredness of all life and Christ's command to love one's neighbor as oneself, Seeking Justice on Uneven Ground brings together the history of racism and housing segregation in Durham with the faith-based affordable housing justice work of Duke Chapel and First Presbyterian Church. You are invited to reflect on our city's history, our churches' histories, our faith perspectives, and what affects all of us: housing and racism. First Presbyterian Church has a rich history of housing work in Durham, from collaborating closely with Urban Ministries of Durham, Habitat for Humanity and Housing for New Hope, to being involved in Durham CAN's efforts. Duke University has been involved in land banking, loan trusts, and advocacy for over twenty years. We invite you to delve deeply, prayerfully, and vocally through discussions, panels, vigils, and receptions alongside your neighbors.

Website for Uneven Ground/Bull City 150: https://www.bullcity150.org/uneven_ground/

The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Youth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM "Time Out" Radio Show: Bill Hendrickson interviews Connell Fullenkamp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(TBA) Plan Worship (TBA) Program Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Budget Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Potluck for Women at the home of Jancy Strauman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~ Serving Today ~</p> <p>Liturgist: <i>Jane Wettach</i> Narthex Greeter: <i>Delia Kwon</i> After Worship Greeters: <i>Laura McDow</i> (narthex/rear); <i>Alice Raney</i> (side/font) Ushers: <i>John Mozart</i> (head), <i>Julie Whiddon</i>, <i>Bob Pleasants</i> Communion Elders: Head / Replenish elements: <i>Leah Graves</i> Bread: <i>Laura McDow</i> (B1/Process), <i>Diane Prosser</i> (B2), <i>Alice Raney</i> (B3, GF), <i>Dawn Carsey</i> (B4) Cup: <i>Tyler Momsen-Hudson</i> (C1), <i>Griffin Momsen-Hudson</i> (C2 /Process), <i>Amy Wilson</i> (C3), <i>Michael Honeycutt</i> (C4) Shepherds: <i>Carol Carson</i> (font aisle), <i>Raymond Mbah</i> (pulpit aisle), <i>Marie Sappenfield</i> (center aisle)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 11</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 AM Sunday School/ Inquirers' Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After Worship: Retirement Celebration for Marilyn Hedgpeth (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers Support Group (Basement Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir (CE Building, room 205)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>	

About the **bulletin cover**: *Saint Joseph leading the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, followed by Saint James, on the flight into Egypt*. An Ethiopian artist's impression (Photograph: Patrick Comerford, 2015).

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