

Cary Presbyterian
CHURCH PC(USA)



WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION
EPIPHANY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM JANUARY 6, 2019

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Out of the East

Traditional

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Welcome Book and pass it to your neighbor.)

Introit

Set the Sun Dancing

Kemp

*Call to Worship

(Please stand as you are able.)*

One: Arise and awaken, children of God!

All: For our light has come, and the glory of the Holy One shines out!

One: Lift up your eyes! Look around you!

All: The people gather together – the people of all nations come together to worship God.

One: You shall see and shall shine with God's light.

All: Let us rejoice and praise God, whose love shines forth into the world. Amen.

*Hymn

Love Has Come

No. 110

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

One: We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace.

All: Forgive us, you who shape our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude;

**who found salvation, instead of a sign.
As we journey with your Son, our Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light
of your joy and love.**

Silent Confession

***Response** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.4)* No. 123
***And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Response** *Go Tell It on the Mountain (v.3)* No. 136
***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ (11:00 a.m.)**

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 72:1-14 OT, pp. 533

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 NT, p. 2

Sermon *Meaningful Gifts* Alan Bancroft

***Hymn** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* No. 151

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Living Light

Lantz

Sister Act Ensemble; Nancy Neubauer, Accompanist

*From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light.
Mary holds the tiny baby who will grow beyond her sight.
Fragile baby, Holy Christ child, gift of hope to all the earth,
May the light of Your salvation shine beyond Your humble birth.*

*Light of hope, light of peace, light of joy and light of love;
From the God of all creation comes His light of hope and peace
Comes His light of joy and love, Comes His light from heaven above.*

*Brighter than the star of Bethlehem is your radiance on this night.
Glow forever in each heart like a candle burning bright.
From the God of all creation comes the gift of living light,
The holy child, the living light!*

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

No. 509

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: People of Advent: the Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

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.**

We give you thanks, O God, for making your love evident
since the very beginning of time when you spoke the word
which replaced the darkness of chaos with life-giving light.

A light which has nurtured generations of people, and plants and creatures, great and small. A light which also revealed the fear and powerlessness caused by corrupt and evil actions. And so you spoke the Word which would once and for all dispel the darkness of chaotic lives. Through your love for the world the Word became flesh and lived among us full of grace and truth.

Holy God, as the travelers with their treasures were overwhelmed with joy on finding Jesus, so we also are overwhelmed on finding out the depth of his love for us.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and juice, O God, that we may experience the presence of the Word-made-flesh – Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit in us that we may be one body with him – living out his ministry in the world today and every day. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

**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

The Communion of the People

Communion is served in the pews. As you pass the bread or the cup, offer words to your neighbor such as:

'The bread of Life; The cup of Salvation.'

Take and hold the bread; then as one body all will eat together.

Take and hold a cup; then all will drink together, in one Spirit.

Prayer after Communion

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *As With Gladness Men of Old (vv. 1-3)* No. 150

***Benediction**

***Hymn** *As With Gladness Men of Old (v. 4)* No. 150

*** Postlude** *March of the Three Kings* Traditional

After worship, the Officer of the Day
will be available to answer any questions
for visitors and CPC members.

Today's Officers of the Day:
8:30 – Audrey Sausman; 11:00 - Peggy Viser

Today's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Special Music: Sister Act Ensemble

Piano: Nancy Neubauer

Acolyte: 8:30 – Natalie Hancock; 11:00 – Ethan Holloway

Lay Reader: 8:30 – Kathel Sugg; 11:00 – Louis Lambe

Bus Driver: Allan Cain

Sound: 8:30 – Sam Witherspoon; 11:00 – John Campbell

Ushers: 8:30 – Sue Harley and Audrey Sausman

11:00 – John Hansen, Craig Hofmeister, Russell Diggs, and Peggy Viser

Greeters: 8:30 – Tom and Jeanne Bolick

Counters: Rowena Morrison and Jane Dunbar

Important Security Note

After opening a door with a keypad you must turn the knob/handle BACK to the LEFT. There are signs telling how to properly open and re-lock the doors as you enter. The procedure is vital to read and follow, or the door will be left unlocked. (This has been discovered several times.) Please help us use this system correctly and share the word with others.

Announcements and Opportunities

Meals on Wheels Opportunity

Can you spare two hours once a month – to make a difference? Once a month, the 3rd Tuesday of each month – drive a lunch delivery route for Meals on Wheels. You will deliver 10-12 meals in the Cary area with meal pick-up at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kildaire Farm Rd. Contact Meals on Wheels route delivery coordinator Caroline Sinclair at 919-302-2207 or email caroline.sinclair@raymondjames.com to participate in this ministry.

Cool Books Club will meet Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at Peg Giesbrecht's home. We will read *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott. If you enjoy Lamott and would like to join us, contact Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456 or Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951.

Triple F Group will get together for brunch at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, January 14 and Monday, February 11, 2019 at IHOP. Programs will resume in March.

Christian Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School Classes for 2019

Start the year with new learning in adult education classes in Sunday School. Try one of these!

Kerygma: *Listening to Scripture; strategies for interpreting the Bible*, with Duane Hix. Jan. 20, the Kerygma study *Beginnings* will start, covering the first chapters of Genesis. Room 102.

Bible and Beyond: This class will study the book of Ruth from Jan. 6 - Feb. 17, using the *Uppity Women of the Bible* video series developed by Dr. Lisa Michele Wolfe. Library.

Faith Today: *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy Jill Levine, professor of NT studies at Vanderbilt, led by Sheri Mitten, Room 100.

Faith and Families: Currently studying *Animate: Faith*, in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult I: *Our Love of God* continues with study of passages from I Thessalonians, the epistles of John and James, Philippians, and Psalms. Parlor.

Faith Journey begins a unit on The Ten Commandments, Jan. 6. The children will attend, in rotation, *Keyboarding for the Kingdom*, *Creation Station*, and *Reel Faith*.

The Christian Faith Formation Team is recruiting new members! We will meet Saturday, Jan. 12, from 9:30 a.m. – noon, for our annual planning meeting. Please join us and serve the church through this great ministry.

Learn Spanish with a Native Speaker at CPC; Classes: Jan. 23 – Apr. 3

Beginners Spanish: Spanish Now! Part 3; Wed. 9:00 -11:00. a.m. \$140

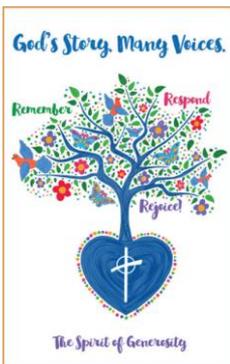
Advanced Spanish Conversation; Wed. 12:00-2:00 p.m. \$140

Intermediate Spanish: Destinos—Part 3; Wed. 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$140

Flyers with full details are available and linked in Elink, or send an email to PaulinaRodriguezOrtega@outlook.com.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School Worship Service and Communion After Worship Coffee Fellowship MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) SH Youth Group (SH Room and FH)
Monday, January 7	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Staff Christmas Luncheon (FH) Girl Scout Troop 1951 (Youth Area) Personnel and Administration (209) Deacons Meeting (102) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (Preschool)
Tuesday, January 8	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Reservation/Ministry (105) Connections Group (P) Mary and Martha Circle (Off-campus) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L) Miriam Circle (P)
Wednesday, January 9	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Hannah Circle (P) Ruth Circle (102) Duke Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Group (100) Pop-Up Bible Study (P) YAF Meeting (MS Room:103) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, January 10	6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Health Ministry (209) Mindfulness Meditation Group (FH Annex) Stephen Ministry Training (103) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100)
Friday, January 11	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, January 12	9:30 a.m.	Christian Faith Formation Planning Meeting (106)
Sunday, January 13	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) SH Youth Group (SH Room and FH)



Remember, Respond, Rejoice

2019 envelope boxes are now available for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like a box of envelopes and don't see your name, please email Finance Manager Barbara Carew at barbara.carew@carypresbyterian.org or call the church office at 919-467-8700. Thank you!