



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill  
Epiphany

A Service of Lessons and Carols  
January 6, 2019 – 10:15 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

*“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt*

Chimes

Prelude **“Greensleeves”** *arr. Richard Purvis*

*As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.*

**Our Liturgist this morning is Letitia Jensen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

**People: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.**

Leader: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

**People: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.**

Leader: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

**People: We offer ourselves and what we have.**

Leader: The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad!**

▲ OPENING HYMN 152 **“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?”** *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Life on the Hill

Today (January 6): ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am  
 Wednesday (January 9) ✝ Worship Community 6:30pm  
 CE Community 7:30pm  
 Thursday (January 10) ✝ Moms & Young Gals 9:30am  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm  
 Saturday (January 12) ✝ “Unhanging” of the Greens 10am  
 Next Sunday ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

CHILDREN DISMISSED

*Passing of the RED PAD: The person sitting in the pew closest to the center aisle fills out the RED PAD, then passes it down the pew so that each family would do the same. THEN, pass it back so that we can put names and faces together.*

▲ HYMN NO. 744    **“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”**    *Festal Song*

FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)*

SHARON FIX

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,<sup>[a]</sup>

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

ANTHEM    **“O Beauteous Heavenly Light”**    *arr. Joy Rouse*

Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly light  
and usher in the morning.

O shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning.

This Child, now weak in infancy  
our confidence and joy shall be;  
the power of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly light  
to herald our salvation.

He stoops to earth, the God of might,  
our hope and expectation.

He comes in human flesh to dwell,  
our God with us, Emmanuel;  
the night of darkness ending,  
our fallen race befriending.

Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly light.

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

SECOND LESSON

*Psalms 72:1-7 (NRSV)*

CAROL COX

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>May he live<sup>[a]</sup> while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

ANTHEM **“There Shall a Star from Jacob”** *Felix Mendelssohn*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth  
and a scepter from Israel rise up.  
And dash in pieces, princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,  
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams  
of light and consolation!  
Thy word, O Lord,  
Radiance darting, truth imparting,  
gives salvation;  
Thine be praise and adoration!

THIRD LESSON *Psalm 72:10-14 (NRSV)*  
**HILARY EPSTEIN**

<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

▲ HYMN NO. 146 **“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**  
*Tempus Adest Floridum*

FOURTH LESSON *Matthew 2:1-9 (NRSV)*  
**LAURA EVERNHAM**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to pay him homage.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of

them where the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>‘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<sup>[d]</sup> my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,<sup>[f]</sup> until it stopped over the place where the child was.

▲ HYMN NO. 145 **“What Child Is This”** *Greensleeves*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“The March of the Three Kings”** *Provençal Carol*  
*Isaiab C. Mason, trumpet soloist*

▲ DOXOLOGY – Hymn No. 607  
**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FIFTH LESSON *Matthew 2:10-11 (NRSV)*  
**RANDY STOLZE**

<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[g]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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.

▲ HYMN NO. 151 **“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**  
*Kings of Orient*

## SIXTH LESSON

*Matthew 2:12, 16-18 (NRSV)*

ROBIN COMPOLY

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. <sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, <sup>[1]</sup> he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

## ANTHEM

## “Coventry Carol”

*arr. Martin Shaw*

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child.  
By, by lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve  
this day this poor youngling, for whom  
we do sing. By, by, lully, lullay.

Herod, the King, in his raging charged  
he hath this day his men of might  
in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!  
And ever morn and day for thy parting  
neither say nor sing. By, by, lully lullay.

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,  
By, by lully lullay.

## SEVENTH LESSON

*Mathew 2:13-14 (NSRV)*

MICHAEL COMPOLY

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph <sup>[1]</sup> got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt.

## ▲ HYMN NO. 154

## “Jesus Entered Egypt”

*King's Weston*

## ANTHEM

## “I Wonder As I Wander”

*Appalachian Carol**Yuri Albertao, tenor soloist*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor on'ry people like you and like I . . .  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall  
with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
and the promise of ages, it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,  
He surely could have it, cause he was the King.

## LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!  
**Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!**  
With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying:

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that our salvation may be known through all the earth.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

**The grace of God be with us all.**

O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

**The grace of God be with us all. Amen.**

▲ CLOSING HYMN NO. 147 **“The First Nowell”**  
*Omit Stanza 3 The First Nowell*

▲ POSTLUDE **“The First Nowell”** *arr. Wilbur Held*

*\*Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

**Our worship has ended – now our service begins.**

We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak Rev. Packard or to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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**LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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*The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of those who risk their lives to protect all of us. With our continued prayers for their safety and peace in the New Year.*

**Serving Today**

‡**Greeter:** Pat Lee

‡**Ushers:** Team 4: Lloyd Pearson, Capt., Maureen Bonney, Bob Bonney, Jamie Montero, Charlie Shaw

‡**Flower Duty:** Buffy Zazzo, Janet Lee

‡**Trustee Duty:** Ralph Jensen, Rick Degurski

‡**Fellowship Host:** Connie Perry

‡**Worship Prep:** 1/05 Diana & Tom Griffith, 1/12 Letitia Jensen



**Music Notes from Dr. Jeff**

A special thank you to the Chancel Choir for preparing this service of lessons and carols. And a thank you to Melissa Juska for singing with us once again!

Congregational Choir will be singing “There Is a River in Judea” next Sunday. Rehearsal at 9:40 am.

**Chancel Choir**

*Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Jill Creveling, Marilyn Dicken, Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Ganganware, Nancy Kinasczuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse, Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Randy Stolze, Marcia Turpin.*



**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**Available on Rear Table**

**If you don't see a box for you,**

**Please See Jackie Colin or Kurt Kaboth**

Life on the Hill Notes

January 6, 2019



PCOH NURSERY  
TODAY

Jamie Montero

January 13 \_\_\_\_\_

January 20 \_\_\_\_\_

January 27 \_\_\_\_\_

February 3 \_\_\_\_\_



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

**Pre-k & Kindergarten**  
(brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell  
Cheryl Schleuss

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
(fellowship hall)

Meghan Pringle  
Sherri Ryan

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
(youth room)

No Sunday  
School

January 13<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Carle  
Stephanie Toth

Carol Cox  
Sherri Ryan

No Sunday  
School – Holy  
Communion

**FAMILY PROMISE – FUTURE PLANS**

On January 13<sup>th</sup> Christine Love, recently appointed Executive Director for Family Promise of Monmouth County, will visit PCOH and present a Minute for Mission on Family Promise and their plans for the future. It is a very interesting and compelling presentation. She will also join us at Fellowship Time to elaborate on their plans and answer any questions. Hope you can join us.



*When you are shopping,  
please remember that:*

**Trinity Needs Food**

*When you are cooking,  
please remember that:*

**The Center Needs Meals**

**Do You Know?**

There is a password-protected “Member Only” portion of our church website. On it you can find:

- ▶ Annual Reports
- ▶ Church Directory
- ▶ PC (USA) Documents
- ▶ Congregational Bylaws
- ▶ Meeting Minutes  
(Congregational and Session)

There are instructions on how to access this “Member Only” information on one of the rear tables. If you have questions please ask Ralph Jensen.



**“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”**

*If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054)*

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

□ **FAITH** □ **LOVE** □ **HOPE** □ **FORGIVENESS** □ **UNDERSTANDING** □

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