



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN MORRISTOWN

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January 6, 2019  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

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**Celebration of Worship**

**Prelude**

After the Rain

Amy Visscher

Amy Visscher, cello

**\* Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: We have seen a star in the East!

**Many: God is with us. Light has come!**

One: We have heard the songs of the angels.

**Many: God is with us. Love has come!**

One: Now we follow the light into the world.

**Many: God is with us. Christ has come!**

**\* Hymn 151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Kings of Orient*

**Confession and Pardon**

The Reverend Sarah Green

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You shine upon us with your glory, yet we hide our faces from the light. You speak to us a holy mystery, yet we do not listen to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, the least of all the saints, the wisdom to know and proclaim the gospel of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Kyrie: Hymn 314, v.1**      Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness      *Christ, Be Our Light*

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

One:      This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,

**Many:      that God is light and in God is no darkness at all.**

One:      If we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

**Many:      we have fellowship with one another, and the love of Jesus,  
God's son, cleanses us from all sin.**

**\* Response: Hymn 447**      We Are Forgiven      *We Are Forgiven*

### **\* Passing of the Peace**

**A Time for Young Christians**      Alexandra Mead

### **Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

### **First Scripture Reading:**      Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 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.

One:      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many:      Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Carol of the Magi

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir with Amy Visscher, cello

*We rode all night thro' fields of darkness, our guiding light, the eastern stars; we came to Bethlehem, we all were weary: we'd travelled far that night, we'd travelled far. We heard that here we'd find Messiah foretold by seers from days of old; we looked for palaces: we found a stable could it be here, so bare and cold? We entered in and there we saw him; it seemed we'd known him from long before. A child like any child, yet somehow different: the face of every child in him we saw. We brought him gifts and now we offer them, we knelt down low in silent prayer. With eyes that seem to know both joy and sadness; the child looked down as we knelt there. So long ago, yet I remember, that child who lay at Mary's knee. How strange that every child seemed so much like him, his is the face I seem to see.*

## Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Arriving

Rev. Dr. Smazik

\* Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

## Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located inside the friendship pads for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)*

## Offertory

There Shall Be A Star from Jacob (from *Christus*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Chancel Choir; Alexandra Selawsky, mezzo-soprano;

Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, tenor; Scott Gothe and Glenn Visscher, basses

*There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre 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!*

- \* **Doxology: Hymn 608** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Praise God*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise Christ, all people here below;**  
**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

## \* Prayer of Dedication

### Sacrament of Communion

#### Invitation to the 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 leader continues...*

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,  
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

#### Sung Response *(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The leader continues...*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Sung Response** *(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)*  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The leader continues...*

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Sung Response** *(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)*  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*(Communion today is by Intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you would like someone to serve you in your seat, please indicate this to an usher. The cups contain grape juice.)*

## **Communion Prayer and 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.**

**\* Hymn 154**

Jesus Entered Egypt

*King's Weston*

**\* Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Allegretto

Amy Visscher, cello

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik  
The Reverend Sarah Green  
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
The Chancel Choir  
Dr. Michele Yampolsky, piano

### GREETERS

Marnie & Richard Kaller, and Janet & Larry McMillan

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Craig Dodd, Beverly Tignor, Shelley Trautman, Nan Verhoef, and Kathy Zawacke

### ACOLYTES

Grace Godfrey and John Alessio

*Special thanks to Liam Lawlor and Julianna Geary, who served as acolytes at the 7pm service on Christmas Eve, and to Liam and Caleigh Lawlor, who served at the 10pm service.*

### FLOWERS

In Memory of Jan Harris  
Given by Bob Harris

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Janet & Larry McMillan

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Morris Interfaith Breakfast – Last Day to Purchase Tickets!**

In observation of the 49th anniversary celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., you are invited to join the Morris Interfaith Breakfast on Monday, January 21 at 8:00 a.m. at the Hyatt Morristown Hotel. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the What's Up Table after today's service.

## **Sunday Morning Seminar: The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking in NJ, Susan Neigher, NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking – Sunday, January 13 at 8:45 a.m. in the Erdman Room**

We may think that slavery ended in the United States in the 1860's, but sadly, modern day slavery in the form of human trafficking exists in every community in our country today. In fact, New Jersey ranks number six in the nation for the incidence of human trafficking, and Morristown is one of the hubs in our state. Learn what human trafficking is, what it looks like in our community, and what you can do to stop it. Susan Neigher, Ph.D., is a founding member of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. She is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Randolph.

## **Faith on Film: *BlacKkKlansman* – Sunday, January 13 at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room**

This critically acclaimed film is based on the true story of the first black police officer in Colorado Springs, who partners with a white officer to infiltrate the KKK in the 1970s. *BlacKkKlansman* is rated R.

## **Young Parents Breakfast Group – Sunday, January 20 at 9 a.m. in Classroom 1**

Join us for breakfast and fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Classroom 1 is the first Nursery School room behind Sheffield Hall. Babies and kids are welcome to join (babysitting also provided). Contact Addie Psathas [adriennepsathas@gmail.com](mailto:adriennepsathas@gmail.com).

## **Presbyterian Women Bible Study: “God’s Promise: I Am With You” – Beginning Saturday, January 19 at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room**

All are invited to join this four-week Bible study sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Each week will be an independent study of a book in the Bible in which God shows his steadfast love for us. The study will be held from Saturday, January 19 through Saturday, February 9.

# WELCOME

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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## Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are located on table on the rear left side of South Street Hall.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Room 5 on the first floor of the Parish House.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. The restrooms are located near the entrance to South Street Hall, in the middle corridor.

## Special Needs?

- **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.
- **Sturdier chairs with arms** are located throughout the worship space. We ask all other members to leave these chairs available for those who need them.
- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or other special needs.

## Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel (57 E Park Place)
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Parish House (65 South Street)



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