



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN

January 5, 2020
The Second Sunday of Christmas

Celebration of Worship

Prelude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Johann Christian Bach (1642 – 1703)
Kevin Graf, organ

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*) The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

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

Many: **We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts
sing for joy.**

One: God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.

Many: **The light of Christ illumines our way. Come, let us walk in the
light of God!**

*** Hymn 156** Sing of God Made Manifest *Salzburg*

Confession and Pardon The Reverend Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of light, in whom no darkness can abide, we come to you in joy but also trembling for we know what darkness abides in us. We cannot conceal from you our cowardice, our shallowness, the resentments we harbor against others. We confess to you our capacity to deceive, our willfulness, our avoidance of others' pain and suffering. O Wonderful Counselor,

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

illuminate what bears revealing. Cast out our sin, as light casts out darkness. Live in us that we might live for you. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 157, v.1

I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Ephesians 1:3-6

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Many: just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

One: He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Many: to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

*** Response: Hymn 439, v.3**

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

*** 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:

Jeremiah 3:7-14

(Old Testament, page 659)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Believe

Mark Miller

The Chancel Choir

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I don't feel it. I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18 (New Testament, page 86)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Grace-Filled Living 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, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
The Chancel Choir

When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem in the land of Judaea, behold from the east to the city of Jerusalem, there came wise men and said: Say, where is he born the King of Judaea, for we have seen his star and have come to adore him. 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.

* **Doxology: Hymn 151, v.5** We Three Kings of Orient Are *Kings of Orient*
Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

* **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.

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Sonata in A minor Wq 70/4, I. Allegro assai
Kevin Graf, organ

C.P.E. Bach (1714 - 1788)

PCM Children and Youth Programming

Parish House, 65 South Street

Sunday School for K-8th grade at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays

High School Youth Group at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays

Midweek for K-5th grade at 4:15 p.m., resuming Wednesday, January 8

Middle School Youth Group at 4:15 p.m., resuming Wednesday, January 8

JAM for ages 4-5 at 1 p.m. on Thursdays

Church on the Green, 57 East Park Place

Ringers on the Green for 9th – 12th grade at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik
The Reverend Sarah Green
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar
The Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Marnie & Richard Kaller and Gretchen Doner & Ed Dubay

USHERS

Craig Dodd, Head Usher; Beverly & Tom Tignor,
Shirley & Dave Mutchler, Cheryl Smith, and Vicky Willson

COMMUNION SERVERS

Rich Schwartz, France & Brian Delle Donne, Kevin Hubbard,
Jinnie McDonnell, and Wayne Rush

ACOLYTES

Abby Ewing and Camryn MacGregor

FLOWERS

In memory of Jan Harris
Given by Bob Harris

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Hosted by Nan Verhoef

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Luncheon – Thursday, January 9 at 12 p.m. in the Parish House Erdman Room

Start the year off with fellowship and conversation at our monthly luncheon. Please RSVP to Cathie Eyre at the What's Up Table after the service. A \$5 donation is suggested.

New Jersey Youth Chorus Concert – Sunday, January 12 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us for NJYC's annual Winter Concert with performances by all choirs. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Visit njyc.booktix.com to purchase tickets.

Adult Education Seminar: Dr. King's Birmingham Jeremiad, Rich Schwartz – Sunday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Erdman Room

In April 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sat in a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama. Allowed a newspaper, he read a public appeal from moderate to liberal local clergymen begging him to disengage. His response, "Letter from Birmingham Jail," will be our focus over two sessions, as we analyze the letter as amateur historians, as Americans, and as Christians.

Faith on Film: *The Public* – Sunday, January 19 at 4 p.m. in the Erdman Room

Written and directed by Emilio Estevez, *The Public* is about a group of homeless library patrons who refuse to leave on a bitterly cold night in Cincinnati. Vern Verhoef will lead a post-film discussion over pizza and salad. This film is rated PG-13.

MLK Interfaith Breakfast – Monday, January 20 at 8 a.m. at the Hyatt Hotel, Morristown

In observation of the 50th anniversary celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., join us at the annual Interfaith Breakfast. The keynote speaker is Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the What's Up Table after today's service. The breakfast is followed by the celebration service at Calvary Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. William J. Barber will speak.

Cooking Together – Saturday, February 1 at 5 p.m. in the Parish House Kitchen

Join us for an evening of fellowship and cooking together as we learn to make an Italian meal. Visit the What's Up Table to purchase your tickets after the service.

WELCOME

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.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are located in the vestibule by Howard House.
- **Infant and child care** is provided in Howard House during the service, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left front door.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers in the Narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Schedule:**
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
 - 8:30 a.m. Adult Education Seminar at 65 South Street
 - 8:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School at 65 South Street
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



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