First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland
January 6, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
Celebration of Epiphany

MATTHEW Ch.2

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD
منتدياتPlease rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *What Child Is This*  arr. Richard Purvis

SILENT PRAYER

Maker of the universe, fashioner of the stars,
who dwells within time and beyond time, hear this prayer...

...Open my eyes, my hands, my arms, my heart
    to know your appearing and to celebrate
the flesh-shaped mystery of Emmanuel, God with us.
Make my heart a dwelling place ready to receive you in even the bleakest spaces,
to delight at your appearing even as the animals
who made welcome for the birth of wonder.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Minute for Mission
(Please sign and pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*  PERSONENT HODIE
CALL TO WORSHIP
Before we speak, God is here,
within us and among us, knocking at our door.
Living God, open what is closed
that the Spirit may come in.
Open our hands, to give, and to greet.
Open our minds
to new truth and old wisdom.
Open our hearts to new hope and old assurance.
Open what is closed
that the Spirit may come in.

HYMN 151, VS. 1 & 5 - *We Three Kings of Orient Are*
(Sing the refrain after verses 1 and 5 only.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, who has pity on the weak and needy, we come before you admitting our brokenness. We confess that we have not been a source of light to those in desperate need of light, and we confess that we have run from your light, preferring to hide in the dark places of our own need. Have mercy on us. Lift up your eyes and look around. Shine the light of your love on us all, that we may reflect your light in the places of our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Joy to the World*
*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,*
*and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)
(The nursery is open for infants through 4-year-olds. Discovery is not offered today.
All children are invited to remain in the worship and enjoy the pageant.
Worship Bags are available under the rear usher tables.)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Matthew 2:13, 20, 22b
Holy Wisdom, speak to us
in the word read and proclaimed.
Hearing, may we dream your dreams
and faithfully follow wherever you lead.
In your triune name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM (11:00) - Where Shepherds Lately Knelt 
Carl Schalk
Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel’s word, I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred. But there is room and welcome there for me. In that unlikely place I find him as they said; sweet, newborn Babe, how frail, and in a manger bed a still small Voice to cry one day for me. How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart, I stare, a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me. Can I, will I forget how Love was born and burned its way into my heart, unasked, unearned, to live and die, and not alone for me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Matthew 2:13-23
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

A PAGEANT CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY
All children and adults are invited to participate.

INTRODUCTION
Carol 88, vs. 1 & 3 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL

GABRIEL’S ANNOUNCEMENT
Carol 98, vs. 1 & 2 - To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary
ANNUNCIATION

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
Carol 115, vs. 1 - Away in a Manger
MUELLER

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS
†Carol 147, vs. 1 & 4 - The First Nowell
THE FIRST NOWELL

THE GIFTS OF THE WISE PERSONS
(During the song, bring your white gift forward to present to Baby Jesus.)
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

†Hymn 511 - Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord... (Hymn 552)

Bright shining God,

inner light of all faithful souls,

we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art.

We rejoice that you have made us in your image

and call us to live in your limitless love.

You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising.

You sent your only child, our morning star,

Rev. 22:16

Isa. 9:2

and lead us to justice and peace.

Luke 2:32

Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.

Each daybreak you call us to

feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed,

heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds,

and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth.

Matt. 24:42

For all of this we give you thanks.

And we praise you,

joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven,

who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

Words of Institution

On the night he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body given for you.
Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.
After supper, he took the cup, saying,
This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup
that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us.
Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives.
Enlighten us
that we may be your people,
the body of the risen Christ,
the light of the world,
set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

Matt. 5:14

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light,
The Lord’s Prayer (Using “debts” and “debtors,” Hymnal, page 35.)
Our Father, who art in heaven...

Communion of the People
(All Christians, regardless of denomination or affiliation, are invited to receive the sacrament. Communion is by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and to dip it in the chalice, then return to your pew using the side aisles. The worship leaders will serve persons in the pew who have difficulty walking forward. Gluten-free bread and a separate chalice are near the baptismal font.)

Prayer

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - Coventry Carol  arr. John Innes
HYMN 152 - *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Variations on a French Carol*  
Richard Haan

*At the conclusion of worship, you are invited to take poinsettia plants to friends, family, or neighbors who could benefit from the comfort they bring.*

HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY IS EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

The Silent Prayer is from *Sacred Journeys* by Jan. L. Richardson. The cover artwork and insert are by Steve Thomason (2018). The Confession is from *Before the Amen*.

**THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING** -  
Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; Liturgists: Heather Shortlidge, Gene Way (8:30), Martha Boudreau (11:00); Time with Children: Miss Good (11:00); Ushers: Jo Fleming, Betsy Stewart (8:30), John & Kate Rogers, Pat Patten (11:00); Greeter: Joyce Fowler (8:30); Acolyte: Matthew Ferris; Minute: Becky Hagee; Communion: Jim Nelson, Rae Jean Goodman (8:30), Brian Winter, David Hancock, Dibby & Didi Gundry (11:00); Holy Family: Scott, Lauren, and Charlotte Meyers (8:30), Craig Martin, Jen Oatman, Corey Martin (11:00); Cast: Staff, Amy Morrison (8:30), Tyler & Caroline Kempton, Sophie & Jackie Hudiburg, Maggie & Justin Porath, Ben, Caroline and Sam Lander (11:00); Camel: Clarice.

**THE EPIPHANY COLLECTION TODAY** - supports Backpack Buddies. If you did not bring a food donation and would like to participate, white envelopes are included for monetary gifts or go online ([www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE](http://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/GIVE)) with “backpack buddies” as the designation.

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Heather Shortlidge, Associate Pastor

Bob Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director  
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Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY - Join the pastor each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm in KC1a for a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Newcomers welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED - to a vocal recital next Sunday, January 13, at 4:00 pm in our sanctuary. Erin Jones, David Hancock, Shannon Wise, and Bob Muckenfuss will present solos and duets including classical and musical theater selections. The recital is free and open to the public.

YOUTH REMINDERS - On January 13, Youth Fellowship in the Kinhart Center from 5:00 to 7:00 pm with Chipotle for dinner! Vote on the 2019 Youth Sunday theme. The January 19 ski trip is cancelled.

ALL ARE INVITED - to the PWC Annual Luncheon, which will include a short program from the Department of Aging, on January 20, 12:00 pm. Great information for all -- see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER - The annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 27. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting at 6:00 pm (until about 7:15 pm). Please bring a main or side dish to share. Children and teenagers are welcome! Child care provided with advance request by January 20 to miss@annapolis-presbyterian.com.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Wednesday, January 9 - Taizé Worship, Sanctuary
At 7:30 pm, A service of prayer, scripture and chant in our sanctuary. Free parking is available at St. Mary's Church, with whom we co-host this monthly service.

January 13 - Baptism of the Lord
Rev. Rzepka will preach from Matthew 3:1-17.

January 20 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Shortlidge will be preaching from the Narrative Lectionary, Matthew 4:1-17. The Class of 2021 officers will be ordained and installed. The Presbyterian Women will host their annual luncheon at noon in Fellowship Hall.

MISSION: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD (MICAH 6:8)