

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. - online



The Day of Epiphany

**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

The Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
How lovely shines the morning star

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Greeting

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

The Call to Worship

Christina Hudson

Arise, shine, for our light has come.

And the glory of our God has risen upon us.

Nations shall come to this light,

And rulers to the brightness of its dawning

Bless the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

* **Bold indicates congregational response.** Please use the chat box to write your prayer concern so that it can be included in the Joys and Concerns.

***Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust you in all things.

A time of silence will be kept for our personal prayers of confession.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Arise, shine, for your light has come.
We have received God's forgiveness.
Be radiant in your praise and service.
God's glory will be seen through our lives.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
Let us forgive one another.
The peace of our risen Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

Time with Children

The Rev. Keith Thompson

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please chat box and/or email us your prayer concerns and we will include them in the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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.**

We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Christina Hudson

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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 King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘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 my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.” 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God.

Sermon

A Light to Follow

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God’s Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the writings of The Archbishop Desmond Tutu

We believe hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

We believe we can only be human together.

**We believe if you are neutral in situations of injustice,
you have chosen the side of the oppressor.**

**We believe that when we do our little bit of good where we are;
those little bits of good put together will overwhelm the world.**

We believe we are each made for goodness, love and compassion.

And our lives are transformed, as much as the world is, when we live with these truths.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

*The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. It is right to share our blessing in a world where
justice for many is still but a dream, and mercy is but a hope seen from afar.*

With thankful hearts, let us share our gifts out of gratitude.

Music at the Offertory

We Three Kings
The Handbell Choir
Recorded December 2020

Dan R. Edwards

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 853**

We are Marching in the Light of God
1. We are marching in the light of God;
2. We are singing . . .

1984 South African Freedom Song

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Siyahamba

Robert Buckley Farlee (b.1950)

Leaders in worship include The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; The Handbell Choir; Christina Hudson, Liturgist.

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| WEEKLY CALENDAR | | |
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| January 9 – January 16, 2022 | | |
| Sunday, January 9 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Worship —ONLINE ONLY on Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 |
| | 11:30 – 12:30 | Faith Trek — Online at NEW LINK https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85903282412 |
| Tuesday, January 11 | 12:30 – 2:30 | Needlework Group – Online at https://zoom.us/j/747467515?pwd=RTlwSkJHdkh4VEpVZ2pBT3o1N0x1QT09 |
| Thursday, January 13 | 2:00 – 3:00 | Coffee with Pastor Molly – Online at https://zoom.us/j/93390906145?pwd=QVJqdFNSUoYzUmVlc3dSYs82RWRaUT09 |
| Sunday, January 16 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Worship —ONLINE ONLY on Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 |
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