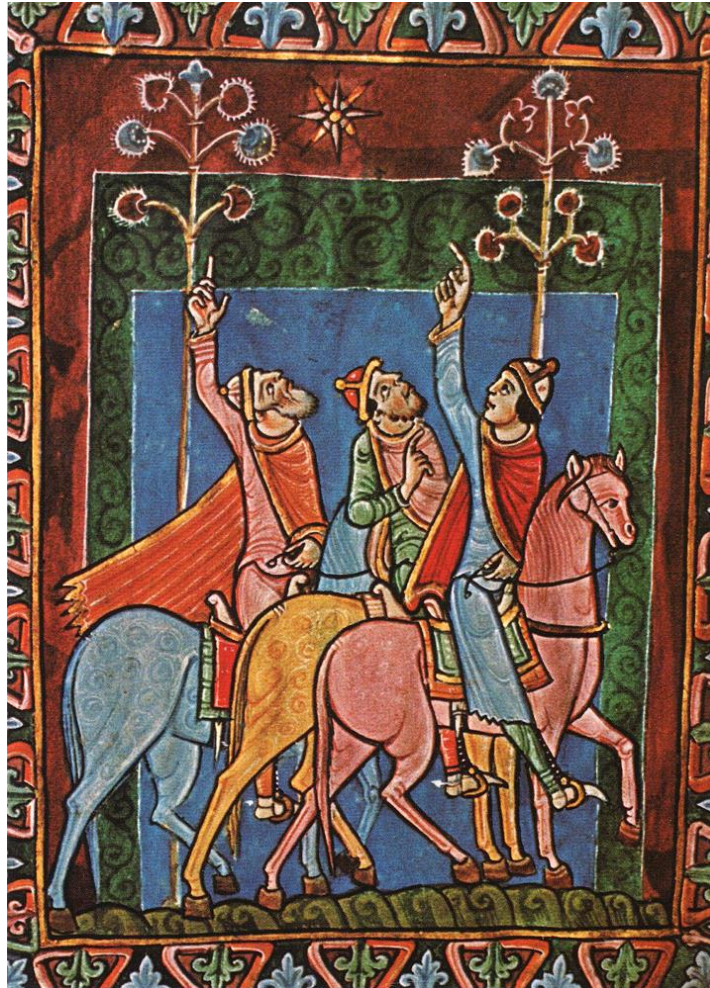


# The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

## Epiphany Sunday



Journey of the Magi, St. Alban's Abbey, 12<sup>th</sup> century

**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

**Prelude**

Variations on Salzburg

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**The Greeting**

The Rev. Keith Thompson

**Introit**

Eastern Monarchs

Peter Naylor (1933-2017)

*Eastern monarchs, Sages Three, come with gifts in great plenty.  
Worship Christ on bended knee -- Cum Virgine Maria.*

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service.

**\*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 60)**

Ruling Elder Susan Dentzer

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you.

**Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and we shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn 156**

Sing of God Made Manifest

Salzburg

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

Gracious God of starlight,

we know that faith isn't a vending machine.

Good news can't be bought or manufactured.

It does not arrive with a push of a button.

Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.

We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.

We have to believe that love really can change the world.

We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.

Forgive us for forgetting that.

Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.

**We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day. Amen.**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

No matter what star you've followed, no matter how far you've walked,

**no matter how lost we got—we belong to God.**

God loves you. God forgives you. God claims you.

**Thanks be to God for love that never ends.**

**\*The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

**let us forgive one another.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

*We invite you to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*People's Response**

*Puer Nobis nascitur Hymn 152, vs. 3*

**While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys**

**And urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.**

*Children are invited to come forward to the chancel area.*

**Time with Children**

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

*Following the Time with Children, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 – Grade 12.*

*Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger.*

**Gathering Hymn**

*Puer Nobis nascitur Hymn 152, vs. 4*

**O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,**

**Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.**

**We Share Community Joys and Concerns**

**Joys and Concerns**

*All are invited to share prayer concerns aloud at the microphone located in the center aisle  
and write it on a white connection card located in the pew and place it in the offering basket.*

*Those worshipping at home may write your prayer in the chat box and/or email us your prayer concerns  
and we will include them in the prayer list email sent to the church's prayer chain.*

## 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

**God of starlight, every part of us is trying to seek you. Find us in the maze. Quiet the rest of the world.**

**We know you're near, so know that it's you we seek. Find us in these words. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

### The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

NT p.2, Pew Bible+

### Sermon

Guided by Christ

The Rev. Keith Thompson

## We Respond to God's Word

### Solo

Behold That Star  
Amanda Fink, mezzo soprano

traditional spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that faith is active: found on long walks,  
and in long talks, in future days, and down memory lane.**

**We believe that those who seek will find,  
although it may not be what they expected.**

**We believe that God finds us first.**

**We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way  
in the shape of people, invitations, and even starlight.**

**We believe that being a seeker—  
of God, of justice, of community—is a holy thing.**

**So we strive to live with an open spirit,  
with soft hearts, and with room to grow.**

**May it be so. This we believe. Amen.**

### Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

#### Music at the Offertory

As With Gladness

Anon.

#### \*The People's Thanksgiving

*Puer Nobis nascitur* Hymn 152, vs. 1

***What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?***

***'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.***

### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### \*Hymn 744

Arise Your Light Is Come

*Festal Song*

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Postlude

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; Ruling Elder Susan Dentzer, Liturgist.  
**The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given To the Glory of God.** For future flower donations, please contact John Cox at [johnwcox13@gmail.com](mailto:johnwcox13@gmail.com) for more information.  
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WEEKLY CALENDAR January 8 – 15, 2023		
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00  10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30 3:00 – 5:00 4:00 – 5:30	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at <a href="https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Sunday School — Calin Hall & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Youth Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130 Housing Friendship Place Celebration — Adas Israel Chevy Chase Concerts Feat. Chuck Redd — CCPC Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>	12:30 – 2:30	Needlework Group – CCPC Library
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	11:00 – 12:00	Bible Study — Geneva Hall
<b>Thursday, January 12</b>	2:00 – 3:00  7:30 – 9:15	Coffee with Pastor Keith — <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93390906145?pwd=QVJqdFNSUoYzUmVlc3dSYS82RWRaUT09">https://zoom.us/j/93390906145?pwd=QVJqdFNSUoYzUmVlc3dSYS82RWRaUT09</a> Chancel Choir – Room 300 and Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00  10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30	Childcare — Room 108 Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at <a href="https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09">https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09</a> Sunday School — Calin Hall & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Youth Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122, 130