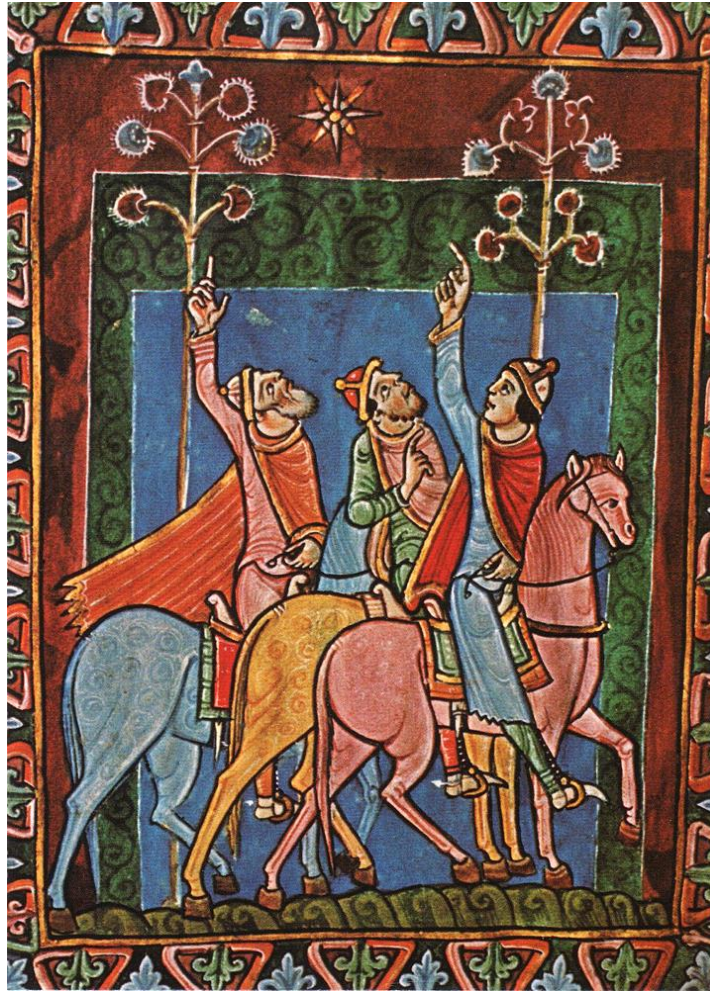


The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday



Journey of the Magi, St. Alban's Abbey, 12th 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

Partita on Salzburg

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Greeting

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Introit

Three Kings from Persian Lands

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est. (In which the Savior Christ is born)

Robb Saffell, Chris Hersman, Bill Hoffman

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

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

Ruling Elder Sawyer Massey

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 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 ignoring 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 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 are—we belong to God.
God loves you. God forgives you. God claims you.
Thanks be to God for love that never ends.

***The Peace**

And since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
May 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

*Sunday School is available for Pre-K – 2nd Grade.
Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger in room 108.*

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 are near, and it is 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

An Epiphany

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God's Word

***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

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

Kenneth Lowenberg

***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**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Anthem at Communion

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among nations, To make music from the heart.

~ Howard Thurman

Prayer After Communion

***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; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music; The Chancel Choir; Ruling Elder Sawyer Massey, Liturgist. **The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God. For future flower dedications, please email the church office at office@chevychasepc.org.**

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Kenneth Lowenberg, *Minister of Music Emeritus*



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or just want to check in with us,

Connect With Us!

Scan this code with your smartphone and fill out our form online.

WEEKLY CALENDAR		
January 7 – 14, 2024		
Sunday, January 7	8:30 – 9:45 9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00 4:00 – 8:00	Earth Stewards — CCPC Library Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children's Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130 CCPC Movie Night — Geneva Hall
Monday, January 8	2:00 – 3:00	Health-exercise 60+ with Will Yates — Chadsey Hall & Parking lot
Tuesday, January 9	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30	TAP Open — Office & Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library
Wednesday, January 10	7:30 – 9:00	Administration & Finance Committee Meeting — Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/710327689?pwd=eUtqbDJoaz3BHbXRMTUw1YjVnS3MoQT09
Thursday, January 11	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Room 300 and Sanctuary
Friday, January 12	7:45 – 8:45	Men's Spirituality Group Meeting — Chadsey Hall
Sunday, January 14	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 108, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children's Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130

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