

This Week at CPC

Sunday, Jan 6	8:45A.M.	AWE – FH
	9:30A.M.	Joyful Noise – Rm 213
	9:45A.M.	Sunday School – Various Psalms – 2 nd Fl CR Bonhoeffer – Pastors’ Gallery
Monday Jan 7	11:00A.M.	Worship – Sanctuary
	6:00P.M.	Property Committee – 1 st Fl CR
	7:00P.M.	Boy/Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr, FH Stewardship/Campaign – Pastors’ Gallery
Tuesday, Jan 8	10:00A.M.	Shepherd Center – Rudy Ctr
	1:00P.M.	CPC Staff – 1 st Fl CR
	5:30P.M.	Grace Café – FH
	6:30P.M.	Grief Group – Pastors’ Gallery Mission Committee – Rm 214
	7:00P.M.	Circle 1 – Offsite Worship Committee – 1 st Fl CR
Wednesday, Jan 9	7:00A.M.	Men’s Breakfast – FH
	10:00A.M.	Pastor’s Bible Study – 1 st Fl CR
	2:00P.M.	Circle 2 – Rudy Ctr
	3:00P.M.	Happy Quilters – FH
	6:30P.M.	Diaconate – 1 st Fl CR Personnel Committee – 2 nd Fl CR
Thursday, Jan 10	7:00P.M.	AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr
	6:00P.M.	Girl Scouts Troop #26 – Rm 111
	6:30P.M.	AWE Singers – FH
	7:30P.M.	Chancel Choir – Rm 213
Friday, Jan 11	8:00P.M.	AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr
Saturday, Jan 12	8:00A.M.	Men’s Breakfast - FH
	11:00A.M.	AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Jean Oliver; Sue Williams; Barbara Hignutt; Phyllis Burkey; Sharon Entwistle; Bob Lynn and his sister, Jean Lynn; Larry Turner, Sr.; Ani Martin; Kathy Peebles’ mother-in-law, Evelyn Peebles; Don Davidson’s mother, Norma Jean Davidson and his brother-in-law, Gary Turner; Bridget Lehman’s father, Robert Roach, Sr.; Nancy Gefvert’s friend, David Previs; Lee Farman’s friend, Chris Sprole, and her niece Tina Marie Delafield; Brita Simmons’s friend, Miranda Holljes; Becky Lang’s cousin, Mike Boatner; Sadie Benton’s son-in-law, Allen Prichard; Harold Yager, friend of Joe Gee; Mary Schiano and Cathy Marny’s friend, Tawni Barlow; Cynthia and Todd Woerner’s daughter, Rebecca Hodell, and Cynthia’s friend Susan Huntington; Deborah Regal’s sister, Cherrill, and her nephew, Billy Regal; Frank Brownlee’s stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Bob and Marnie Brown’s son-in-law, Guy Champ; Eleanor Brooks, the grand-daughter of Mark La Fratta; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Tim Williams; Catherine Spence; Larry Grina; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield; and our military, especially members and friends serving overseas, Shane Johnston-Fisher; Christopher Noe.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bob Brown, Sr. and family, on the death of his sister-in-law, Joy Johnson January 2, in Florida.

Welcome. We’re glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God’s word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. For families who prefer, child care is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

Serving Today

Liturgist	Mike Rose
Sanctuary Guild	Muriel Phaup
Ushers	Richard and Susan Nunnally; Lisa Harrah; John Jabe
Greeters	Pam Danford; Susan Phillips; Don Davidson
Communion Servers	Nancy Muller; Wendy Wellener; Susan Mapes Bill Martyn; Diana Martyn; Pam Dameron
Soloist	Leslie Matthews, Soprano

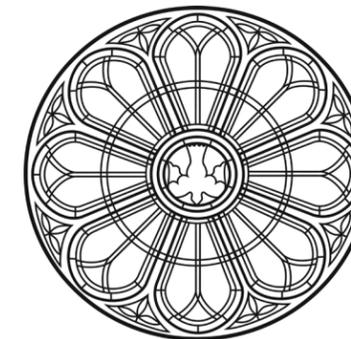
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**God’s Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:
*Deliver God’s Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord

11:00A.M.

January 6, 2019

WE GATHER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Andreas Armsdorff
How Brightly Beams the Morning Star

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather wondering, ‘Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?’
We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.
We gather asking, ‘Where will we find the Child of Christmas?’
We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.
We gather wanting to know, ‘Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?’
We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

Brightest and Best (See Insert) STAR IN THE EAST

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray:

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

We search your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination, who found grace, instead of gratitude, who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen.

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KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.
This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE NURTURE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Wandering Wise Ones

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING

Sing Lullaby

Anthony Prower

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Angels are watching, stars are shining
Over the place where he is lying: Sing lullaby!
Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby!
Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now adozing, Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,
Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!
Sing lullaby Lullaby, is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not stir the Infant King.
Soon will come Easter, gladsome morning,
Conquering Death, its bondage breaking: Sing Lullaby! *S. Baring-Gould*

*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May the gifts we offer bring food to the hungry, healing to the broken, community to the lonely, and hope to those who live in the shadows of our time. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

People of Advent: The Lord be with you!
And also with you.
People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.
We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.
People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.
We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe in Bethlehem.

...who forever sing of your grace:

SANCTUS 562

DEUTSCHE MESSE

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

...which is revealed to us through Christ:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Spoken)

**Christ came, the morning star of love;
Christ died, the night star of salvation;
Christ arose, the radiant star of resurrection;
Christ will come again, the constellation of hope.**

...who taught us to pray saying:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE REACH OUT

*HYMN 147 *The First Nowell* (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6) THE FIRST NOWELL

*SENDING and BENEDICTION

Now, God sends us out by a different road.
So we may find those who have been left by the side of the world.
Now, Jesus walks with us down a different road.
So we may serve those who are lonely and frightened.
Now the Spirit illumines a different road.
So we may take our sisters and brothers by the hand to walk in wonder and grace.

POSTLUDE

Der Tag der ist so freudenreich Marcel Dupré
This Day Full of Gladness

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

*All who are able may stand.

Bold Type indicates a congregational response.

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 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." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 "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."

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 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." 9 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. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 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. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

2019 Offering Envelopes: For those using the envelope program for CPC contributions, your 2019 envelopes box with your name is located in the narthex.

Psalms, Prayer and Praise, led by Dan and Beth Robbins. A study to understand and use the Psalms today. Second floor conference room.

The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Mike Rose. Although his life was cut short by Hitler's Nazi regime, Bonhoeffer's insights are still particularly meaningful and significant for people living in today's "increasingly religionless" world. "Who is Jesus Christ for us today?" What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ in today's world? What is the cost of discipleship? How can the church, nurtured by Scripture, care for and minister to the world? How do we make the Christian life the most exciting and meaningful life we can imagine? What is cheap grace? Join us as we examine Bonhoeffer's challenges as he followed "the way of the cross." Pastors' Gallery.

New classes begin today. Sign up for one of these dynamic classes in the narthex.

The Diaconate meets Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30P.M. in the first floor conference room.

Circle 1 meets Tuesday at 7:00P.M. offsite.

Circle 2 meets Wednesday at 2:00P.M. in the Rudy Center.

Lunch Bunch gathers next Sunday, January 13, 12:30 at River's Bend Grill. As always, please let us know if you're coming, so we can give a close number to the restaurant! In the meantime, we send our blessings to you and yours!
- Bob and Marnie Brown, forestend@verizon.net

Theology on Tap: Food, fellowship and conversation at the intersection of life and faith. Gathering Wednesday, January 16, 7:00P.M. at Legends Brewery, 321 W 7th Street, Richmond VA 23224.

Grace Café welcomes you Tuesday at 5:30P.M. Menu: goulash, salad, bread, brownies and cookies.

Our Food Pantry thanks you for your generosity. We are in need of Beef-a-Roni, Soup, Coffee/Tea. And \$10 Kroger gift cards are always needed. Thank you.

Today is 5 Cents a Meal Sunday. Please place your donations in the receptacles provided.