

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God*



**Epiphany Sunday**  
January 6, 2019  
**LITURGY BULLETIN**

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

Welcome and Life Together

**SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

**People: *Our Savior is born: Christ the Lord!***

Leader: Arise, shine for you light has come!

**People: *The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!*****All: *Let us worship God!*****A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #181

***As with Gladness Men of Old***

DIX

1. *As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*
2. *As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore,  
so, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.*
3. *As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.*
4. *Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

Call to Confession

KEITH GAHAGAN 8:30 A.M.

BETTY PLUM 10:15 A.M.

Friends, God's love and mercy are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness! Therefore, we know that as we come by faith we will be met not by God's judgment but by God's grace. Let us join together in our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

***Faithful and Loving God, we confess that we are not people of peace. You shine upon us with your glory, and yet we hide our faces from the light. You send a star to guide our way, but we choose our own paths. You speak to us of a holy mystery, yet we do not listen to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom to know and proclaim the gospel of your saving love and the courage to journey with you that we may know your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational Response

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

**All: *Come and fill our hearts with your peace.******You alone, O Lord, are holy.******Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!***

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: **Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## \*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!**

Children's Time (10:15 A.M.)

REV. REX CHILDS

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray: We ask, O God, that by the light of the star of Christ and by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would open our ears to hear, our eyes to see and our souls to receive your word for us this day. In Jesus name. Amen.

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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Our first reading this morning comes from Isaiah, chapter 60. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Choral Response

***What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright***

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed"; and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.

### Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE PAGE 783

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'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.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star

had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**The Journey of Faith**

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

\*The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Please pass the Friendship Pads so everyone in your row may sign in and so that you can see who is worshipping with you this morning. We all have received much from God. So, in gratitude let us return to God the offering of our life and the gifts of the earth. We will now receive the morning offering.

The Offertory

**Nativity Carol**

JOHN RUTTER

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; born 'neath light of star He who loved us so. *Far away silent lay, born today, your homage pay, for Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.* Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills worship this babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow; innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know.

\*The Doxology

***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

Let us pray:

Gracious God, in Jesus, you are merciful and loving. You restore us to sound minds and give us wisdom and joy in the journey. In gratitude for these and all your good gifts we thank you. So take what we have given today and use these gifts for the building of your kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*Communion Hymn

***This is the Body of Christ***

IONA COMMUNITY

*This is the body of Christ  
broken that we may be whole;  
this cup, as promised by God,  
true to his word, cradles our Lord:  
food for the good of the soul.*

Invitation to the Table

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: *And also with you.***

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them to the Lord.***

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, 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.***

## Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Music

***Meditation on the Infant King (Basque Noël)  
The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity)***

DESMOND RATCLIFFE  
JOHN IRELAND

Prayer of Blessing

## GOING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment #185

***We Three Kings of Orient Are***

KINGS OF ORIENT

1. *We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. *Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. Refrain.*

3. *Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on high. Refrain.*

4. *Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain.*

5. *Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds thro' the earth and skies. Refrain.*

\*Benediction

Postlude

***Jig Fugue***

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

## Flower Dedication

The Chancel Flowers are given by Craig and Andie Goodrich  
in gratitude to God for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

## Assisting

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Jack Marsh (head usher), Pete and Jo Debbink, Sally Jackson,  
Bill and Sharlene Kearney, Sylvia Marsh, Mark and Carolyn Mollers, Patty Rutzler,  
Jack Tiller

10:15 a.m. (Mark Owens (head usher)

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Phyllis Harris, Falconer Jones, Jill Purcell, Nancy Wallace

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Feed the 5,000

This month we are supporting The Salvation Army, an evangelical, international, Christian church. Its mission is to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to meet human needs in His name. Your gift will help restock the pantry of the Salvation Army. Ushers will have a Publix bag available as you leave the Sanctuary the first Sunday of January. Food donations will be collected at the 6th Street church entrance next Sunday. If you prefer, donations can be made online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give) or checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the collection plate.

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a program of our congregation that equips lay persons to provide distinctive Christian one-on-one care to those who are experiencing various kinds of life needs and circumstances in our congregation. If you feel the need for someone to hear your problems and/or walk a difficult journey with you, please visit the Stephen Minister table in Spencer Hall or call the church office.

### Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember to note on the hospital paperwork that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

### Lunch Bunch

Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. There is a table in Spencer Hall to sign up after worship service giving you the time and place.

### PRAYER LIST

Sue Buck  
Mary Burns  
Elsie Connell  
Wendy Evans  
Tom Goodrich  
Bill Harrington

Tommi Hosterman  
Mike Jans  
Marcia Kempers  
Pam McKahan  
Jane Payne  
Alice Rich

Pat Shoellhorn  
H.A. Sumerfield  
Maverick Weidmen  
Bill Winfield Family  
The U .S. Military  
Stephen Ministers and  
care receivers

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Nursery and Sunday School

The Nursery and Sunday School rooms are open in Room 205 of the Mase Christian Education Center at 10 a.m. Following the Children's Time, the children will be escorted to the upstairs classrooms where they may be picked up following the service.

### Presbyterian Women's Gathering

Today is the last Sunday to make your reservation (lunch \$7) in Spencer Hall for the PW Gathering on Wednesday, January 9 at noon. We welcome Alison Yang with a fascinating program "Is Alison Your Real Name?" Circles will meet in the Parlor on Tuesday, January 15 and Wednesday, January 16. See the Outreach for full schedule. And don't forget our wonderful mission...

**PW Blanket Sunday, January 20.** New or gently used blankets, sweatshirts, and jackets will be collected in Spencer Hall.

### **Speaker's Forum** formerly *The Men's Club*

Join us on Monday, January 14 at 10 a.m. for coffee and 10:30 a.m. for the presentation in Spencer Hall. We welcome James "Sam" Parish who is the Director of Operations and Educational Specialist for the *Holocaust Museum & Educational Center of Southwest Florida*. He earned a Master of Science in History, taught high school social studies and taught history as an adjunct instructor for a community college in Florida. He is a published author and has been with the Holocaust Museum for 6 years. All are welcome.

### **Men's Morning Fellowship**

All men are welcome to join us for a light breakfast as we kick-off the 2019 season on Wednesday, January 16 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall. Rev. Craig Goodrich will lead the discussion, "Men and the Second Half."

### **Habitat for Humanity Work Day**

Join the team on Thursday, January 17. You do not need any particular set of skills, all are welcome. For additional information and to sign up, visit the Missions Table in Spencer Hall.

### **Wednesdays at First—Exploring Abrahamic Religions**

A five week series of dinner presentations will be offered January 23 through February 20 in Spencer Hall. Guest speakers will include Rabbi Miller from Temple Beth Shalom, Imam Muhammed Nour from the Islamic Center of Naples, and Father Philemon Patitsas of St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church. Rev. Rex Childs will introduce the series with an overview and will help bring together what we have learned in the final session. This series is offered in response to expressed interest in learning about different faith perspectives.

January 23—Rev. Rex Childs

Dinner (\$10) will begin at 5:30 p.m. and class will begin at 6 p.m. Please register for dinner in Spencer Hall or by calling the church office.

### **Women of the Way**

Join the "Women of the Way" in a study of Marjorie Thompson's classic book "Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life." We will explore the selected themes of prayer, spiritual reading, self and God awareness and Sabbath rest, all essential tools for authentic and compassionate Christian living. The 7-session study will include fellowship, teaching and small group discussion, and our purpose is to learn and grow together and strengthen the bonds between us.

ALL women are welcome! Thursdays, 9:15-11 a.m., January 24 – March 14 (no class on 2/21) Sign-up in Spencer Hall or by calling the church office. Books are available for \$10. For more information contact Barb Weiss (bweiss1952@gmail.com), Pat Nordbrock (patnordbrock@gmail.com), or Andie Goodrich (andie.goodrich@gmail.com).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

All are welcome to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry each Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room. The prayer shawls are given to those needing comfort while going through a difficult time. For more information contact Gail Clark at 239.331.3312.

### **HUDDLE**

The Men's noon-time Bible Study continues every Thursday in Spencer Hall. Bring your lunch and Bible and join them for discussion and study. All men are invited.

### **Lunch Prep at St. Matthew's House**

Several FPCN members help to prepare lunch every Monday morning from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are a bit short of choppers, sandwich makers, and salad assemblers this holiday season. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Betty Plum at bplum1188@aol.com or at 239.732.8799.

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