

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

January 7, 2017

The Season of Epiphany

11:00am

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

please turn your cell phones to silent

Choral Introit

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

*Call to Worship¹

Ellie Gurlen

One: Arise! Shine! The Light you have been waiting for is here!

All: Darkness has been banished!

One: God's Light of hope floods the earth.

All: God's Light comes to us all.

One: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

All: Guide us with Your Light. Prepare our hearts to receive Your presence.

*Hymn 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

KINGS OF ORIENT

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Lord of Light and Life, You come to us as a child. You come to illumine our lives.

We are a people so focused on our issues and our responsibilities that we forget to gaze at the stars. You are a God of revelation. We are a people who pay more attention to our problems. We confess our inability to see the signs You set before us. Help us, wonder-working God. Guide us with Your perfect light.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Ellie Gurlen

*Congregational Chorus²

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Jill Jackson/Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

With God our Creator we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,
befriend the marginalized,
and engage our minds, talents and treasures
toward building a community reflective of God's Kingdom.



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john gilmer
music director
leiza collins
pianist
lynn ward
bell choir
**mary hattie mcalister &
carolyn kelley**
child care attendants

Musical Offering

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

arr. Hal Hopson

Rachel Randall, flute

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Carla Meisterman & Ellie Gurlen

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

*Hymn 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

The Prayers of God's People

Ellie Gurlen

A Time for Offerings

Ellie Gurlen

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters for the Walking Sticks to provide backpacks of emergency supplies to refugees. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors.

Offertory

Communion

Rev. Carla Meisterman, Ruling Elders Susie Knight & Scott Hill

All are welcome to come forward to the tables when invited by Ruling Elders. Take the bread and the cup; then remain at the table together for a silent prayer while the congregation is praying for you. Return to your seat when your prayer together is ended.

*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

*Hymn 192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Benediction Hymn

"Lord, Let Us Leave Now"

Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.

We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**



¹Call to Worship adapted from Nancy C. Townley, "Worship Connection: Epiphany Sunday 2016 (Option 2).

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announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- Place your canned goods in the **FOOD CART** after worship. They will be taken to the Food Pantry by members of our Outreach Team.
- At 1:00pm today our Caring Ministry's **FITNESS SEMINAR** will be led by Jen Connors, a personal trainer and group fitness teacher at the Collierville YMCA. We will be learning simple and easy exercises we can do right in our own homes. Not only will we learn about exercise, but we will learn how exercise will help us with our posture, our walking, and fall prevention. We will have light snacks to hold you over until you can enjoy a late lunch, or you can grab a quick lunch and come back. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- January is **COAT COLLECTION** month. Bring gently-worn coats for people in need. Just bring your coat to worship, and hang it on the rack in the front of the sanctuary. Our Outreach Team will make sure the coats we collect get to people who don't have warm coats this winter.
- **WINTER ADULT SUNDAY STUDIES** will be offered through March 25, 2018, at 9:30am: in classroom a, **A Room Called Remember by Frederick Buechner** with facilitators Art Hall and Ted Pearson; in classroom b, **Why did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road: Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World by Brian McLaren** with facilitators Cathy & Clinton Bailey and Don Lamb. Join us for these dynamic studies.
- Sign up for the **FOOD SORT**, Thursday, January 18, 2018. Meet at 5:30pm in the church parking lot and enjoy dinner together after the sort.
- Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 28, 2018, for our annual **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**. We will hear reports from our committee chairs, hear an overview of the 2018 budget, consider the 2018 Pastoral Call, and elect 2 members of the congregation to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee to nominate elders for the Class of 2021.
- **SOUP SUNDAY** is after the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Bring a crock pot of soup, plug it in before Sunday Studies or worship, and plan to enjoy great fellowship and delicious soups!
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Rev. Anne Hagler (13), Cecil Rousseau (13), Sandra Lamb (13)

our worship has ended...our service begins...