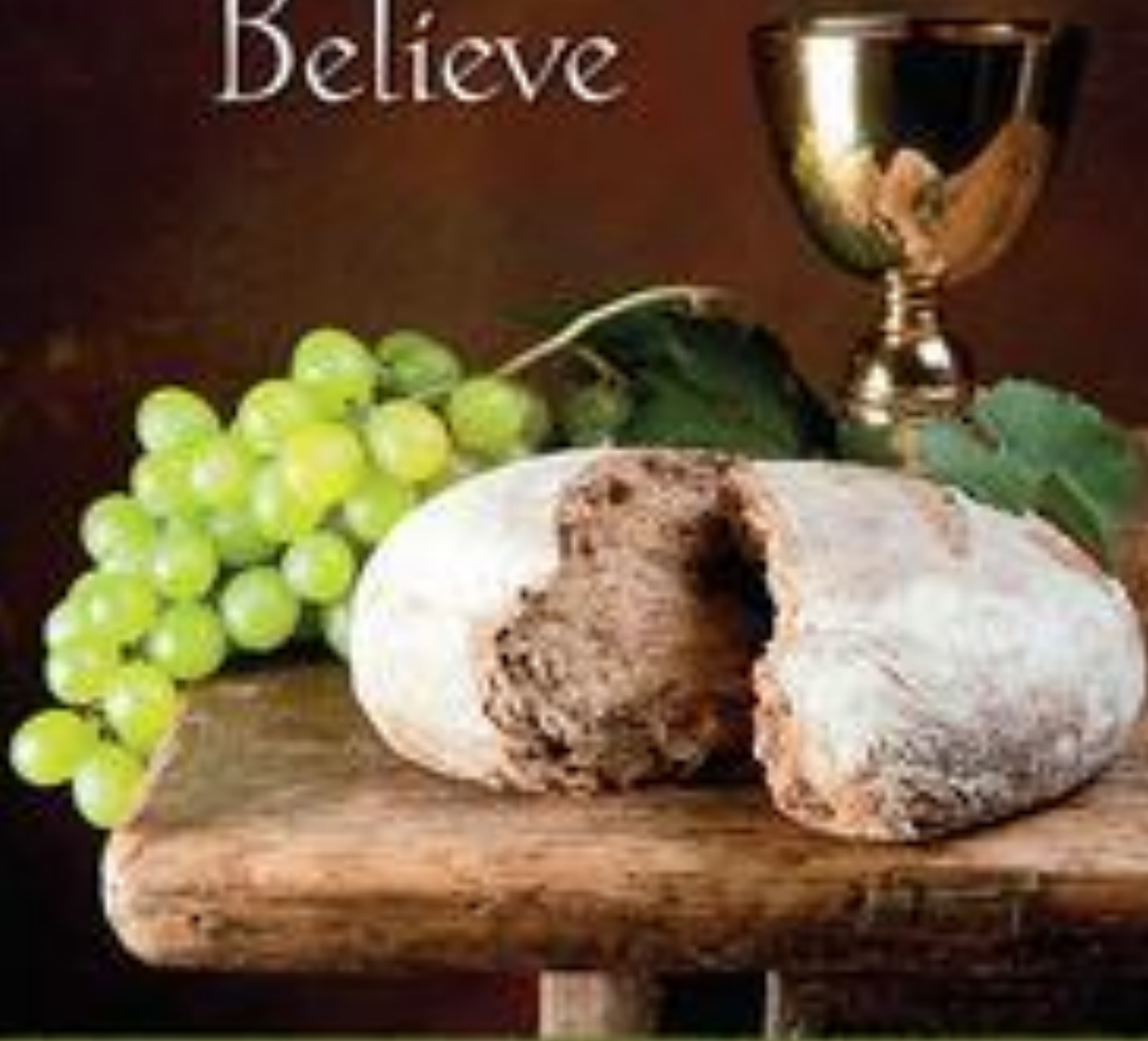


Remember...

Believe



*United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey*



January 5, 2020

11:00 AM

*Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Christmas*

TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the
Service speak to others.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Auld Lang Syne

Scottish Tune

OPENING HYMN 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CALL TO WORSHIP

*From distant lands and faraway shores,
God calls us together.*

***Like a shepherd tending his flock,
God gathers us in.***

*Along straight paths and cleared byways,
God guides our journey.*

***Like a mother taking her firstborn's hand,
God leads us home.***

Praise the Lord, O people! Shout for joy!

***Let us sing aloud with gladness.
Let us worship the Lord!***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

*you call us to testify to the light of Christ,
which enlightens everyone,
but we hide in the shadows
and shrink from bearing witness to the light.*

*Yet, even now, you dwell among us,
full of grace and truth.*

*Empower us to embody your love
and embrace your hope.*

*Long after the wreaths and ribbons are
packed away,
remind us that your light still pierces the
darkness.*

*Sustain our joy, surround us with peace,
and inspire us to bear witness*

to your abundant grace and enduring truth. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN / YOUTH MESSAGE

ANTHEM

A Blessing

Margaret Rizzo

(Marcia Marsh-Hinds, soloist)

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7 Pages 780-781
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:26-38 Page 69

***GLORIA PATRIA**

SERMON

Surprised By God

Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Take Me to the Water

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

*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 (Hymn 708)**

We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

GTG Hymnal Page 35

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

On a lonely mountain

his human body was transfigured by your divine splendor.

In his face, we have glimpsed your glory.

The world was dark at his death,

but the light of his life could not be extinguished.

From the grave he rose like the sun,

with blinding power and radiant peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of Bread / Distribution of Cup

UNISON PRAYER of COMMISSIONING for MISSION

Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love.

And inspire us to shine in faith and witness as His holy disciples.

Transfigure us and transform us by Your Holy Spirit. May Your

love shine in all we say and do. May the whole world see Your radiant light in the face of Your Son through us. Amen.

THE SENDING

**PARTING HYMN GTG 127* Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(verses 1-2-4)

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

**CHORAL RESPONSE 568*

POSTLUDE Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Assisting in today's Worship:

Liturgist: Al Tate

WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME! Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.

Nursery Care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Lind Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS

At Home: Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Thelma Barnes, Fred Robinson.

Frank Klikus: BJ Klikus husband

Jamie Sweeney: Helen Foerster's cousin
Jean Neumann: Helen Forester's niece
John and Marianna Perry: Helen Foerster's brother and wife
Annette O'Connor: Jean Scott's sister
Phyllis Sennyuen: Jean Scott's sister
Brandon Williams: friend to George & Ginni Hansen
Nabielah Scott: Kevin Scott's wife
Zachary Robinson: Jean Scott's nephew
Lillian Willing: Michelle Wildridge's mother
Wendy Oldham: Pat Dawson's friend
Osquit Vanderstoop
Gail Stokes, and Izaiyh Stokes: Gail Stokes grandson
Sylvia Denson: Gail Stokes friend
John Zayatz, Gail Stokes friend
Larry Brown: Gail Stokes brother-in-law
Freda Lenzo: friend of Jeanne Ashanky
Charisse Payne & Family: Elder & Mrs. Davis, daughter: Cathedral
Prayers for our students: Neekah Hinds, Mobolaji Falowo, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.
Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country.
U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places.
People of Syria.

**FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:
Lamington Presbyterian, Bedminister, Rev. Carlos Wilton and
Minister-at-Large, Rev. Isaac Ahn**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

1/6 Bola Falowo

1/11 Barbara Hyney

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE MARCH 1, 2020 as follows:

General Assembly \$8.95

The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10

The Elizabeth Presbytery \$31.95

Total 2020 Per Capita is \$ 45.00 . . . Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d)

THE UPPER ROOM booklets for January/February are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place \$1.00 in a pew envelope mark “literature” and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



Begin the New Year
With God

SCHEDULE: January 5 – 12, 2020

- Sunday 11:00am Holy Communion Service
- 12:30pm Refreshments, Lind Room
- 7:30pm A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
- Monday 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH
- Tuesday
- Wednesday 7:00pm A/A Friendship Hall
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday 6:30pm A/A, Hansen Room

- Sunday 10:00am Youth/Adult Bible Study

11:00am Worship Service
Noon Refreshments, Lind Room
Deacons Meeting, Hansen Room
7:30pm A/A Friendship Hall

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