

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 6, 2018

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: On this first Sunday of the New Year we look back in gratitude,

People: we look around us in wonder,

Pastor: and we look forward in hope and anticipation.

People: As the Magi followed the light in faith and found the Christ Child,

Pastor: we pledge that we will follow the light of faith

People: to find the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN #150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The way of life is this: First, you shall love God who made you. And second, love your neighbor as yourself, and only treat others the way you wish to be treated. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess, Lord God,

People: that all too often we anguish over our yesterdays,

Leader: we fret about our todays,

People: and we are apprehensive about our tomorrows.

Leader: Deliver us, Lord, from our attitude of dissatisfaction;

People: calm our restlessness, and grant us quiet confidence in your providential care.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our own personal sins. (Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: As we seek God, God is seeking us, seeking us from the heavens, seeking us through the word.

People: God offers to take our hand, inviting us to leave the past behind and to march to a new and glorious future.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you!**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS [Children may leave for “Roots and Wings” activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 25:1-5

page 436 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Lead Me Lord”

Samuel Wesley

Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

page 783-784 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his 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 at 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.

***HYMN #145**

“What Child Is This?”

Greensleeves

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: “Lord, we praise you.” or “Lord, hear our prayer”

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

OFFERTORY

***HYMN #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

O Lord, we don't usually know who will be the eventual recipient of our offerings, but we pray for them and ask that you will bless them through what we give today. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All Baptized Children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord's Table.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #156**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

CHILDCARE is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

Deacons: Linda Lamb, Mark Buri, Meghan Buri, Wayne Crawford, Gail Kuhner, Marlene McMaster, Skip Sywulski

Lay Liturgist: Judy Price

Greeters: Rick & Lisa Clement

Acolyte: Eric Patanella

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, David Ballerstein, Mike Becker, Dennis Ciehomski, Pete Posson, Frank Wood.

SHIPMATES: On January 12, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Large Hall at Bethany you will have an opportunity to meet the local author of "The Barns of Greece, NY," a recently published book now available at the Greece Historical Society museum by Jane Grant. This wonderful 64 page full-color book, signed by Jane, will be available for purchase at our meeting. A light luncheon will be served for only \$5 per person. Please contact Karen Henry at 663-8075 to make your reservation. Please let us know if you need a ride or you can share a ride. Send check to Bob Watt at 292 Malden Street, Rochester, NY 14615. (check payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church). Reservation deadline is Friday, January 4, 2019.

SHIPMATES: If you have not called Jean Meier for reservations for the February 9th program at the Greece Police Headquarters, do so by January 15th. Phone number: Jean Meier, 227-0392.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	1/6	9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	1/6	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	1/6	9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	1/6	10 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday	1/6	11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	1/6	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday	1/7	10 am	Library Volunteers (Library)
Monday	1/7	7 pm	Personnel & Operations (Library)
Monday	1/7	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Third Floor Classroom)
Tuesday	1/8	10 am	Belles & Beaux (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	1/8	10 am	Presbyterian Women (Narthex)
Tuesday	1/8	7 pm	Congregational Life (Library)
Wednesday	1/9	10 am	Staff meeting (Library)
Wednesday	1/9	6 pm	Liturgy Team (Library)
Wednesday	1/9	7 pm	Worship & Music (Library)
Wednesday	1/9	7 pm	Spiritual Growth (Small Hall)
Wednesday	1/9	7 pm	New Member Committee (Mini Hall)
Wednesday	1/9	7 pm	Computer Task Force (Parlor)
Wednesday	1/9	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thursday	1/10	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Saturday	1/12	9 am	Dress a Girl Sewing (Small Hall)
Saturday	1/12	11:30 am	Shipmates (Large Hall)
Sunday	1/13	9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	1/13	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	1/13	9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	1/13	10 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday	1/13	11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	1/13	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	1/13	12 pm	Session (Small Hall)

Bethany Presbyterian Church

We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

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