

# Order of Worship

## Gathering Music

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## 4-Way Covenant

Sarah Gallop, Moderator; Rev. Jessica McArdle

## Prelude

*Noël Anglais - vs. 8 (1987)*

James Woodman (b. 1957)

## Call to Worship

Rev. Judy Arnold

One: Gather in all you seekers.

Come with the gift of your heart and lay it before the Christ Child.

**All: We bring to worship our love for God and neighbor.**

One: Gather in all you wise ones.

Come with the gift of truth and lay it before the Christ Child.

**All: We bring to worship our honesty and vulnerability.**

One: Gather in all you journeyers.

Come with the gift of your whole life and lay it before the Christ Child.

**All: We bring to worship all we are in body, mind and spirit.**

One: You are welcome here; beloved of God,

received by Christ, embraced by the Holy Spirit.

**All: Praise God and Amen!**

## \*Processional Hymn

*We Three Kings*

PH #143

## Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

## \*Prayer of Confession

**Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of conflict and violence, unkindness and hatred, injustice, oppression and environmental degradation. We participate in these realities, sometimes unwittingly and sometimes intentionally. The maelstrom of troubles in our hearts and in this world can overwhelm and paralyze us. Forgive us our tendency to check out and avoid instead of trying to offer some good however small. Hear our confession and help us to be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into the dark place of our world. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by Your star.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## \*An Act of Praise

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

PH #116

## A Time for the Young

Ben Pulaski

## Hymn

*What Child Is This*

PH #140

## Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

John 1:1-5

Liturgist: Rev. Will Burhans

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NT pg. 91, LP pg. 79

## Sermon

"Be a Light (in a Dark Place)"

Rev. Jessica McArdle

## A Quiet Time for Reflection

### Offertory

Anthem

*Born on a New Day* [1992, 2000]

Original Words & Music by John David  
New Words by Philip Lawson/arr. Peter Knight

You are the new day. You are the new day.

Meekness, love, humility, come down to us this day:

Christ, Your birth has proved to me You are the new day.

Quiet in a stall you lie. Angels watching in the sky

whisper to you from on high: "You are the new day."

When our life is darkest night, hope has burned away,

Love, your ray of guiding light, show us the new day.

Love of all things great and small, leaving none, embracing all,

fold around me where I fall, bring in the new day.

This new day will be a turning point for ev'ryone,

if we let the Christ-child in, and reach for the new day.

Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life, healing sadness, ending strife,

You are welcome, Lord of Life. Born on a new day, You are the new day.

## \*Doxology

NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation

### Prayer of Consecration

### Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Communion this morning is by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, receive the elements by dipping the bread in the juice and partaking. Return to your seat by the side aisles. Deacons will gladly bring the elements out to those who are unable to come forward. All the bread is gluten free.)

### Closing Prayer

**We thank you God for the revelation of Your love given us in the conception and birth of Christ, in his life and teachings, and finally in his death and resurrection. We thank you for this meal that reminds us that we are one body, receiving your love and meant for the purposes of your love. May the nourishment given here give us strength for the work ahead of us in the year to come and may all the earth be within the circle of our loving care. In Jesus' name, amen!**

## \*Closing Hymn

*Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year*

NCH #431

## Franciscan Benediction

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Postlude

*Puer nobis nascitur*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

## Meet Our Church

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### The Congregation, Ministers to the World

Rev. William Burhans, Lead Pastor

Rev. Ms. Judith B. Arnold, Associate Pastor

Kathleen Zagata, RN, MS, CS, Minister of Congregational Health & Wellness

Jane Ring Frank, Minister of Music & Worship Arts

Ben Pulaski, Minister of Faith Formation: Children & Youth

Sarah Marino, Office Manager

Ed Banzy, Building Manager

Bill Lewis, Building Superintendent

Mr. Jeffrey Mead, Organist

Brianna Connolly, Nursery Supervisor

Jose Foronda, Bookkeeper

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Orth, Pastoral Counselor (Affiliate)

**January 5, 2020**  
Second Sunday After Christmas  
10:00 Worship Service

### Children Check In

Please scan this QR Code to check in your children (pre-k through 8th grade) if they will be going off to their classrooms.



## Welcome!

We are happy you have joined us today for worship. We hope that in the coming hour of quiet, song, prayer, sacred scripture, and communal gathering, you will awaken more fully to God's presence in your life and the world around us.

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs as you first enter the front doors of the church.

### Accessibility

We have an inductive hearing loop for those whose hearing aids have Telecoil. Listening devices are also available in the back. For our coffee hour in Chidley Hall, an elevator is located out the doors to the right of the front chancel area and down the hall. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance.

### Childcare

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary! We appreciate the sounds of little ones among us. If you'd prefer, there are trained caregivers in our nursery on the floor beneath the sanctuary. Ask a greeter if you need help finding it.

### Family Room

There is also a comfortable room outfitted with a changing table, toys, rocking chairs, couches, a water bubbler and a video link to the service for when you need more room to attend to your family. It is located just outside the doors to the right of the front chancel area.

### Children (Stepping Stones) and Youth Church School

Classes for children and youth in pre-k through 8th grade are taught during worship. Families begin the worship service together in the sanctuary. Children are then invited to join us at the front (if they are comfortable) for the Time for the Young Afterwards, the children and youth are led to their classrooms by their teachers.

### Get connected!

Please tell us about yourself and/or request a prayer by filling out a Welcome/Prayer Request Card found in each pew and place it in the offering plate when it passes. We look forward to getting to know you at Coffee Hour, held downstairs immediately following the service. Just head downstairs and towards the back of the church facility until you find the large hall, or follow the signs or pick up a laminated map to help guide you.

*We are a Christ-centered, nurturing community  
growing in faith, serving in love, welcoming all with joy.*

## People for Whom We Are Praying ...

| <u>Names</u>  | <u>Purpose</u>   |
|---|--|
| The McCall Taylor Family  | In their grief at the death of Jeff Ashworth, the husband of MaryAnn's sister. |
| Cathy Crabtree and Family   | In their grief at the death of her father Harrison.                            |
| Jane Ring Frank   | For healing.   |
| Suzanne White   | For courage and comfort in her struggle with cancer.                           |
| Don Martin,<br>brother in law of Becky & Trent Parkhill           | For healing and strength during chemotherapy.                                  |
| Eli Paxinos, 16-month-old great nephew<br>of Tony & Pam McPherson | For comfort and care in his hospitalization<br>while doctors seek a diagnosis. |
| Mimi Steffen, friend of Mike Redding                              | Healing as she recovers from a brain hemorrhage.                               |
| Bruce Lauterwasser  | As he continues this round of chemotherapy.                                    |
| Janet Snover  | For strength in rehab to recover fully from her stairs fall.                   |
| Janet Brewer  | For healing.   |
| Susan Zimmerman, Julianne's mother                                | For stabilization & relief from pain; and comfort for her family.              |

Please let the Deacons or Ministry Team know  
if you have someone to add or remove from this list.

## Today's Worship Service

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Aaron's aunt, Sally Soltis, given by Aaron and Nancy Kneiss.

### P&D Fund

On Communion Sundays you will find envelopes for the Pastors' & Deacons' Fund. This fund offers monetary aid to congregation members who are experiencing an urgent need for financial crisis assistance. Please consider a donation as part of your worship today.

## News & Upcoming Events

### Epiphany Celebration Tonight

You know that the Wise Men brought gifts to the Christ Child; but do you know that they were given, not on Christmas Day, but on Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas – (12 drummers drumming). We celebrate it beginning with a potluck dinner that includes a special dessert. Please label dishes with all ingredients and remember no nuts. After dinner, three special ones - Wise Men (or women, boys or girls) – lead the group through the darkened church building – guided by a few battery-powered candles – to locate the star over the baby in the manger. When we find the baby, we, like the Wise Men before us, will worship him. This is a great family event – kids love the search for the baby through the dark church. It is also a way to express Christmas beyond the presents and the tree. The dinner is at 6:00 pm and we are finished by 8:00 pm.

### Ripley Presents: Hank Wonder: Where the twang of Classic Country meets the grit of Southern Soul! Friday, January 10, 2020, 7:30 PM

#### A Special Coffee House concert, featuring Hank Wonder, in celebration of the renovation of Ripley Chapel.

Somewhere on the musical map, where the twang of Classic Country meets the grit of Southern Soul, Hank Wonder marks a detour down a sonic stretch of unpaved road. The Boston-based trio of Annie Bartlett (fiddle and viola), Darren Buck (vocals), and Michael Loria (guitar) first came together in 2013 and have since crafted their very own soulful blend of Americana: equal parts down home and gussied up.

Purchase tickets on our website [www.fcc-winchester.org/ripleychapel](http://www.fcc-winchester.org/ripleychapel)

Tickets are \$10 general admission for Adults; 18 years old and under are free of charge. Tickets will also be available at the door: CASH ONLY.

## Introducing the New Testament

Starting Jan 14th for six weeks, we will be offering both an evening class and a day time class of Introducing the New Testament, series 3 of the popular curriculum from the Mass. Bible Society that we have been using. The same lessons will be taught at both classes.

Six Tuesdays: Jan 14, 21, 28 and Feb 4, 11 18  
Day Time Class: 11:30am-1pm Rev. Will Burhans  
Evening Class: 6:30pm-8pm Rev. Judy Arnold

Jesus is the central figure of the New Testament and course 3 in Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series explores the figure of Jesus in three distinct ways: A man like other men, a Jewish rabbi, and the Christ of Christian faith. Then it's on to the cantankerous Paul, the other New Testament authors, and the wild and baffling book called Revelation.

You don't need to know a thing to participate and you don't have to have taken the prior courses, but if you did we hope you sign up again!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449AF4E2DA75-intro1>

- The Adult Faith Exploration Ministry

## Note from Jane Ring Frank

Dear Members and Friends,

December has proven to be a chaotic month for me, and I am not sure how to convey my gratitude to each one of you for your generosity of spirit, love and good will. You are such a kind and giving community, and I am privileged to work amongst you.

My illness came as a thunderbolt - a hard stop, no pushing through this time. But it has been a joy to be back in church on Sunday mornings, and I look forward to returning to the choir and conducting this week! We have well used our Uber/Uber Eats gift cards. They have been enormously helpful – especially for me to have healthy and yummy meals for Steve! Thank you all so much.

None of this – most especially at Advent and Christmas – would have been possible without Will, Judy, Kathleen, Ben, and the Personnel Ministry, whose leadership and support have been unfailing. And Sarah Marino has been a star, stepping in to promote our Ripley Presents concerts with joy and energy. And of course, my sincerest thanks go to Jeffrey Mead, who jumped into the void with unbelievable grace. The choir has been well-shepherded, and it has been a distinct pleasure to listen from the congregation. Jeffrey has done it all with his usual humility and elegance: organ, choir, bells!

My health journey continues. It will be a long process, but I am grateful to live in a city with such superior resources and medical support.

May the New Year bring you peace, joy, grace and blessings!

With a full and grateful heart,  
Jane Ring Frank  
Minister of Music and Worship Arts

## FCCW Monthly Men's Group, Sunday January 12, 7-9 PM, 4 Heritage Drive, Woburn (Paul and Lynne Rahmeier's house).

All FCC men and their guests are welcome. We discuss matters that are personal and spiritual. Pot-luck beverages or snacks are welcome but not expected. Questions to [chris.noble@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.noble@yahoo.com)