

Calvin Sinclair & Christ Presbyterian Congregations

Meeting during January at 2000 1st Ave. NW
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January 5, 2019



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Pianist
Choir Director
Church Secretary

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey
All members of the Congregation
Jean Stonerook
Nancy Patrick
Judith Albert

Christ Presbyterian and Calvin Sinclair Congregations 2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

GATHERING MUSIC

“We Three Kings/ What Child is This?” Arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE “Welcome to Our World” Arr. Melody Bober

(Thought as we enter to worship)

On the first Sunday of 2020 we are called here by God to join our hearts and voices in praise to God for the bountiful blessings brought to us in Jesus Christ. We look back remembering God’s goodness to us and we look forward to what God is going to do in our lives in the New Year.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: MATTHEW 5:14-16 MSG

Leader: Jesus said: “You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand.

All: Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE #63 As With Gladness Men of Old

*THE OPENING PRAYER

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION ISAIAH 55:6 &7 MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Seek GOD while he's here to be found, pray to him while he's close at hand.
 Let the wicked abandon their way of life, and the evil their way of thinking.
 Let them come back to GOD, who is merciful, come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness.

THE TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Holy God, we give thanks that you desire most to know us and lead us through this journey we call life. You have called us into being and you know how we are made. Often we stray from your intentions for us and claim to be finding our own way. We confess that our way leads us in circles and we get the feeling that life doesn't have much meaning. You have clear direction for us. Help us to see it and follow, even as those Wise Men followed the star. We know that your goal is the same for us as it was for them, to behold the face of the Savior God has sent. We offer this prayer in his name. Amen

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 55:8-12 Message Translation

The Lord Says: "I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work."

GOD's Decree.

"For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, so will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed.

They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them. "So you'll go out in joy, you'll be led into a whole and complete life."

THE GLORIA #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

BY READING GOD'S WORD: Matthew 2:1-15

THE CHILDREN'S TIME:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY PRESENTING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO DEDICATION:

THE OFFERTORY "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Arr. Melody Bober

#592 The Doxology "Responding in Praise"

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

On this first Sunday of the New Year, we bring tithes and offerings to honor you, O God. You have blessed us in many ways and now we respond to your love by giving so your love may be shared. Use this offering to help spread the Good News that indeed: *"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* With grateful hearts we are glad to help bear that light. We give in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen (John 1:4&5 NIV)

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE INVITED TO BRING OUR PETITIONS TO GOD

THE PRAYER HYMN: #66 We Three Kings

Sharing Joys and Concerns

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together:

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY LISTENING

The Message: The guiding STAR"

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Star of The East" sung by Margaret Morey

AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM

THE CLOSING HYMN #210 O God Our Help In Ages Past

THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(inspired by Debussy's la Cathedrale engloutie) Arr. Faye Lopez

“Sing We Now of Christmas” with “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” arr. by Brant Adams

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*Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

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