

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025 – Happy New Year!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

TOLLING OF THE BELLS/PRELUDE:

GATHERING/WELCOME

CHOIR INTROIT: Arise and Shine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity. There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity:

God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star, that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: We Three Kings (GTG #151)

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

All: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: What Star is This? (GTG #152)

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Let us join together in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

All: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 2:1–12

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Epiphany Series: Sticking Together Through Epiphany

SERMON: New Roads

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



COMMUNION SERVICE

COMMUNION MEDITATION: O Morning Star (GTG #827)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: God, in this meal, you have nourished our souls. Send us out now into the world with hope in Christ's Light and with assurance in the steadfast love of the Spirit. Be our strength as we travel afar to share the gifts of our faith in word and deed.

All: Amen

*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign (GTG #423)

*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE:

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11:00am	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary

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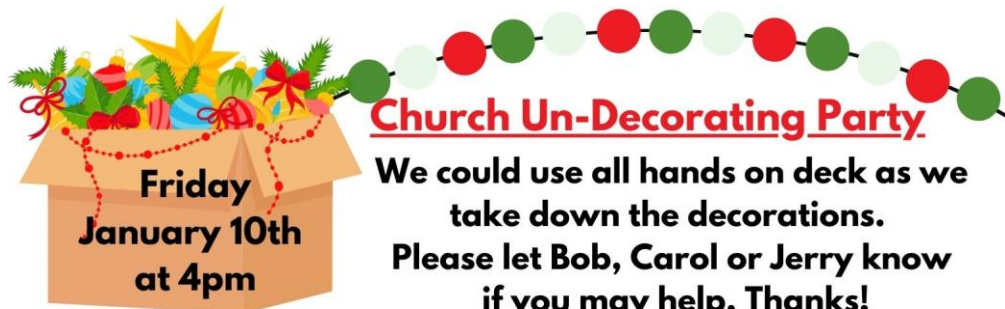
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