

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

11:00 AM

*Reverend Marguerite Serrine, Interim Pastor*

*Scott Schlesinger, Organist/Choir Director*

*JoAnn Harrison, Secretary*

### Gathering of the People

Prelude

*Improvisation on 'The First Nowell'*

C.P.P. Burton

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Choral Introit

*Raise a Song of Gladness (Jubilatae Deo)*

### Praise of God

Call to Worship (Psalm 72:1-4)

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

\* Hymn No. 147

*The First Nowell (vs. 2-5)*

### Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Silent Individual Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response No. 137

*He Came Down*

*He came down that we may have peace;*

*he came down that we may have peace;*

*he came down that we may have peace;*

*hallelujah forevermore. (Repeat)*

### Sharing of God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Anthem

Conversation with the Children

*Isaiah 60:1-6* (p. 690)

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston

Barbara Younger

*(We have worship packets available for Children as they remain in worship; a nursery is provided for infants and toddlers downstairs)*

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 2:1-12* (p. 2)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Wise Course of Action*

Rev. Marguerite Serrine

**Response to the Gospel**

\* Hymn No. 151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1-3)*

Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Prelude to the Introit of the Epiphany*

Maurice Duruflé

\* Hymn of Dedication

*Doxology with Alleluias*

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore,**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith from The Belhar Confession

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. This unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

Announcements

**Go Forth to Serve**

\* Hymn No. 744

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Response

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

\* Postlude

*Marche-Sortie*

Theodore Dubois



# CHURCH NOTES

January 6, 2019

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We welcome you to Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and to this service. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today because we believe that everyone who enters these doors is God's guest. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex or the Friendship Pad as it is passed among the congregation. We welcome all to be part of our community of faith, and participate in any of our activities and events.

We invite you to join us on Sundays for worship and education.

9:45 AM Sunday School -- for all ages!

9:45 AM Children's Nursery (downstairs, Room #201)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship – with organ music and choir

**CHILD CARE** is provided for infants and toddlers (infants – pre-k) in the Nursery on the first floor (downstairs from Sanctuary).

Assisting in Worship today:

Liturgist: Martin Brown

Acolyte: Caitlin O'Connor

The **CHOIR's** introit (#155) and benediction (#538) is from the "Glory to God" hymnbook.

**We love children in worship!** There are Worship Bags (coloring pages, stories, etc.) available for children during worship. Questions? See Stephanie Morgan or Cynthia Latta.

**HPC Book Club** will meet on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM for a discussion of our annual Christmas selection. This year, we will be discussing *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, by Dr. Seuss. We will be getting into the tough questions, such as "have you ever found yourself identifying with the Grinch?" Have no fear, though. We'll do our best to keep things light. It's possible that some of you younger folks in the congregation may have some strong opinions that you'd like to share. You are most certainly welcome! In hopeful anticipation that we may indeed be joined by some of our younger friends, we are scheduling this meeting for 12:30, right after Worship. A light lunch will be served. Although we can't promise that rare roast beast will be served, you just never know...

We will celebrate **Communion** at HPC on **Sunday, January 13**, at 11:00 AM.

**HPC Choir rehearsals** are on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 PM in Room #221. Questions? See Scott Schlesinger.

**Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in room #204. We have 10-11 eligible participants. **Next meeting on 1/9/19** – Stephenson family will provide meal. To provide a meal, use the sign-up sheet on the Mission bulletin board. Questions? See Eric Cathey.

**Session** will meet in Strudwick Hall at 9:00 AM on Sunday, January 13 for the examination of the Class of 2022. This class of elders will be ordained/installed in worship on Sunday, January 20.

**Community Outreach/Mission Commission** will meet on Sunday, January 13, at 12:15 PM in Room #204.

**Circle #1** will meet on Monday, January 14 at 11:00 AM in Room #204. We will begin our new study on Hospitality.

**"Finish It Friday"** - You are invited to a **sewing/craft group** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of each month from 6:00 – 11:00 PM. This month on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring your sewing or hobby project and stay as long as you like. You will have plenty of time to work on whatever you choose, making it worthwhile to bring sewing machines, etc. Come enjoy working with friends and sharing time and ideas with each other. Questions? See Ann Sebesan.

The **Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle** will meet on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in the Parlor (upstairs). We will be discussing chapter 3 of *Dear White Christian*. All women of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jaubert at 919-624-2731 or [jaubert.linda@gmail.com](mailto:jaubert.linda@gmail.com).

**Hurricane Florence Assistance:** HPC is scheduled to work in New Bern, NC from February 15 - 18, 2019 to assist the Hurricane Florence victims. We have assembled a wonderful volunteer crew. However, if you want to attend on **any of these dates**, please contact either Sam Nesbit (919-414-7117) or Joe Crane (919-593-1177). If you have already volunteered, please be looking for emails about the project.

The **2019 NURSERY SIGN-UP** sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway! Thank you for signing up to take care of our little ones on Sundays! Questions? See Stephanie Morgan or Cynthia Latta.

If you have turned in your **2019 Pledge Form**, thank you. If you have not yet turned in your Pledge form, please pick up a copy in the narthex or church office. You may place completed pledge forms in the offering plate, or email or mail pledge form to the church office. ([hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:hpchurch@hillsboroughpres.org) or P.O. Box 717, Hillsborough 27278).

The **2019 FLOWER CHART** is located outside the church office. Sign up and share with your Church the joy of an anniversary, a special occasion, or memorialize someone important to you!



Check out our **HPC WEB PAGE** at [www.hillsboroughpres.org](http://www.hillsboroughpres.org) – click on any event on our calendar page for details! You will also find the monthly newsletter and the weekly bulletin posted on this webpage! A great way to keep up with what's happening at HPC!

In an emergency or to share a concern, please contact the church office, 919-732-3131, or [marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org](mailto:marguerite@hillsboroughpres.org)

**THIS SUNDAY: January 6**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Wed – 6:00 PM** Youth Group (#204, Stephenson family provides meal)  
**Thu – 7:00 PM** HPC Choir Rehearsal (#221)

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**NEXT SUNDAY: January 13**  
**Lectionary Readings:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

9:00 AM 2022 Elder Examination (Strudwick Hall)  
9:45 AM Sunday School – for all ages!  
9:45 AM Children's Nursery  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship / Communion  
(Children's Worship Bags in the narthex - coloring pages, stories, etc.)  
12:15 PM Community Outreach/Mission meeting (#204)  
12:30 PM HPC Book Club (Strudwick Hall)

**Volunteers:**  
**Liturgist:** Jane McIver  
**Children's Sermon:** Jane McIver  
**Acolyte:** Isabella Roberson  
**Nursery:** Karoline Mathewson  
**Youth Meal (1/16):** O'Connor family  
**Greeter:** TBD