



Service for the Lord's Day

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

We Gather as God's People

Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your story. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence. We invite you to sign the pew pads, which will be passed from the back of the sanctuary to the front. Please fill out the information, share with the others in your row, and then pass it to the row in front of you. Thank you. After worship, please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Prelude

Announcements of Our Church Life and Ministry

The Centering Song SF # 2164 (sing 3 times; the last time, a cappella) "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship [Responsive] Margaret Hawkins

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

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

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

People: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

* Please stand as you are able.

***Act of Confession for Epiphany** [Responsive] by Bruce Prewer

Leader: The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed. Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness: the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily; the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom; the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it; the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters; Let us make our confession together,

People: **Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: “Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.” Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!**

***Assurance of Pardon** [Responsive]..... The Rev. Hugh Drennan

Leader: My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving, and live without shame or anxiety.

People: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!**

***Two+** (A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

Question: **What are your spiritual resolves for the coming year?**

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s MessageThe Rev. Hugh Drennan

Blessing: **You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.**

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]..... Margaret Hawkins

Leader: Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

People: **Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your word, that still lives and speaks to us. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from the Genealogy of Jesus to Epiphany

The Scripture Matthew 2:1-23 The Rev. Hugh Drennan

Sermon “I’ll Know It When I See It” The Rev. Hugh Drennan

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith for Epiphany** [In Unison] by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

***Offertory Response** *Sing the Faith* # 2036 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

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"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] Margaret Hawkins

Let the just rejoice, for their justifier is born. Let the sick and infirm rejoice, For their savior is born. Let the captives rejoice, For their Redeemer is born. Let slaves rejoice, for their Master is born. Let free men rejoice, For their Liberator is born. Let All Christians rejoice, For Jesus Christ is born. Amen. St. Augustine of Hippo

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 507 "I Come with Joy"

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Christ is the bread of life:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Communion. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip in the cup on either side, eat, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know, and we will serve you in your seat.)

The Prayer after Communion [In Unison]

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Emmanuel. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** PH # 68..... "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

***The Sending** [Responsive]..... The Rev. Hugh Drennan

Leader: May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around you and your sense of mystery be deepened.

People: **May we be aware of the light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness can never put it out.**

Leader: May you be blessed with companions on the journey, friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

People: **May we learn to live with what is unsolved in our hearts, daring to the face the questions and holding them until, one day, they find their answers.**

Leader: May you find the still, quiet place inside yourself where you can know and experience the peace that passes all understanding.

People: **May love flow in us and through us to those who need your care.**

Leader: May you continue to dream dreams and to reach out into the future with a deeper understanding of God's way for you.

People: Amen.

* Please stand as you are able.

***Song of Dismissal** *PH* # 432 “Canto de Esperanza”

May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that’s new, Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

Postlude



Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Hugh Drennan. “Hugh and Doreen now live Lake Mills, WI enjoying retirement. They dote upon the activities of 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. On good days they might even remember all their names. When Scott first came to this presbytery, Hugh was his welcoming pastor.”
- Our liturgist today is Margaret Hawkins.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**
- Printed copies of sermons are available in the box on the wall outside of the church office and on our website www.OCPChurch.com.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our sanctuary look beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season! We will be taking down the decorations on Saturday, January 12 at 9 a.m. Your help would be most appreciated! Also, please TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS HOME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- ***Items for the annual report are due TODAY. All committee chairs are asked to give their report to the office as soon as possible. The report will be available on January 20th. The annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 27.***
- **Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes, now available in Fellowship Hall. If we’ve missed your name, please notify the office.**
- **Giving statements for 2018 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Good News*, please send either your email (preferred) or snail mail address to the church office. (Our addresses are listed on the last page of the bulletin.)

- **The Mission Committee reminds all folks to share their loose change in the Least Coin Crock, as a reminder of the prayers they say. Think of all the coins we would have if every time you prayed, you set aside a coin. These funds are to be used for local mission work. This is a year-long mission collection.**
- Help us save “pig points.” Please turn in your receipts from Piggly Wiggly in the brown bag in the narthex, so that we can receive a rebate. All funds received are used for mission projects.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Today after worship – Committee Annual reports are due today!
- Saturday, January 12 – 9:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations from church.
- Next Sunday, January 13 – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Library Day
- 11:00 a.m. Session

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Kelly Homann Jodi Kelter
- Nursery – Deacons

BLUE JAY BACKPACK COLLECTION: There are 75 students currently receiving weekend food through the Blue Jay Backpack food program. **We are being asked EACH MONTH to collect 75 of each of the following items: microwaveable ravioli and/or spaghetti bowls/cups AND low sugar fruit cups and/or applesauce.** These should be non-refrigerated. You can also make a financial donation to OCPC. If you are interested in helping with this collection, we could use a volunteer or two to shop for these items if we receive some financial gifts towards them.

MISSION CHALLENGE FOR OCPC: Hunger is a daily issue in our schools. The number of children and youth facing food scarcity at home continues to increase while federal funding for school lunch (and breakfast programs) face further government cuts. The Blue Jay Backpack Program currently only provides food to 75 K-12 graders once a month. It is hoped that over this year that the program can begin to meet the needs on a weekly basis. Many schools have begun food pantries in the school building. McFarland High School, where Pastor Scott works, has one. The hope would be that Cambridge School District working with the Food Pantry with the support of the local churches and community groups could also have food pantries in the middle and high school. To do this, more volunteers and financial gifts would be needed. This is a local mission we as a congregation should support with our donations and also with volunteers.



DECEMBER 2018 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

FOOD/ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry needs Pancake Mix and Syrup, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Hearty Soups, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towel, Size 2, 4, 5, 6 Diapers and Regular Tampons and pads, large Women's Depends.

THANK YOU to all who contributed Food Items and Money to make the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for the Food Pantry Clients this year. The Cambridge Foundation donated hams for Christmas Baskets and area churches contributed money and food items: Grace Lutheran, St. Pius Catholic, St. James Lutheran, London Moravian, Rockdale Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge, Willerup Methodist, West and East Koshkonong Churches and we also received donations from individuals in the community.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Joan Spaulding (wife of Ralph Spaulding)
John "Jack" Swank and his family (birth father of Renee Roland Johnson)

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

Families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Communion: First Sunday of each month

Church School: Children through grade 7 meet at 10:00 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Video of Worship Service: Cable 98 or 987 Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Mon.-Tues. 8 a.m. & Noon
(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

Fellowship & Refreshment: Following worship service each week

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Tuesday or by appointment

Business Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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SESSION (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Mark Touhey

Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

BOARD OF DEACONS (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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