



The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gathered for the

Worship of God

January 6, 2019

Epiphany

10:45 a.m.

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another
to this time of sacred worship.

Honoring the Acolytes

Ms. Debbie Walker

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Prelude

Mr. Day

*Doxology 50

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Presentation of Bibles

Ms. Walker

Anthem

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Chancel Choir

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Leaving Home to Find Home

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"An important and relevant element in this narrative is the story that follows this text. Jesus, Joseph, and Mary migrate to Egypt; they are now in exile as expatriates in a strange land. In [reflecting] on this powerful story of migration, marginalization, and displacement, let us remember the tragic situation of so many children. The reading can provide an opportunity to raise consciousness...on issues that affect the majority of children in the world today. The little babe shines with hope for all these children in need of hope, care, love, compassion, and solidarity."

--Carmelo E. Álvarez, *Feasting on the Gospels—Mathew, Volume 1*

Hymn of Communion 415

Now the Silence

NOW

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Susan Mathes

The Words of Institution

Mr. Gerald Western

The fish is a symbol of the fellowship of Christian believers. Partake of the bread individually, symbolic of our personal redemption by God through Christ. The cup is received in unison with the prayer that we will forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Russell

O God, with you the dark of night and the light of day are both alike. We thank you that your guiding presence in the face of Jesus finds us here. As we depart from this table, may your spirit enliven and strengthen us as we prepare to go home by another way. AMEN.

*Hymn of Discipleship

Another Year Is Dawning

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Another year is dawning: Creator, let it be,
In working and in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of practice, another year of play,
Another year of seeking Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning; Creator, let it be,
On earth as is in heaven another year for Thee.

Another year of wonder, of awe and love and praise;
Another year of travel, we journey through the days;
Your Spirit leads us sunward, one place we cannot stay;
From doorsteps to earth's corners, our home is on the way.

Affirmation of Responses

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Mr. Day

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 1/6: 12:00 noon - Epiphany luncheon and removal of the greens

Mon., 1/7: 6:00 p.m. - Worship Committee meeting

Tue., 1/8: 4:15 p.m. - Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting

7:00 p.m. - Board meeting

Wed., 1/9: 5:30 p.m. - Youth group (gr. 6-12) weekly supper gathering

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sun., 1/13: 12:00 noon - Congregational meeting (2019 budget)