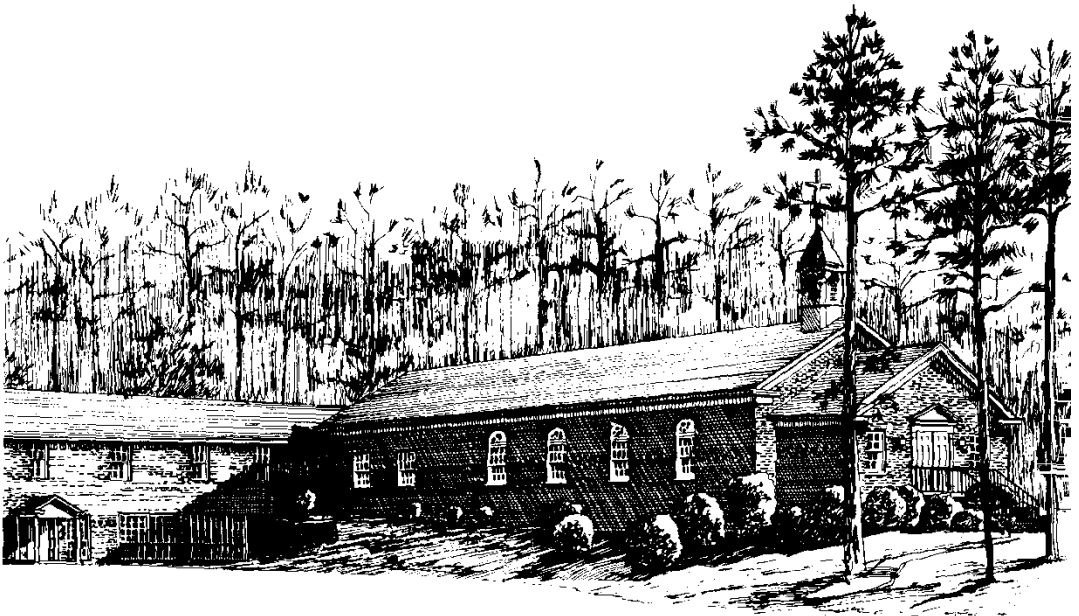


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Christians Who Love and Care.

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January 6, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2013 - 11:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical Color: White

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Let us prepare our hearts in silence to meet God's Spirit in worship!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: O Lord God, you have brought us to a new year,

All: The start of a new journey, with its freshness and potential.

One: You are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

All: We invite you into our worship and into our lives.

One: So that, as we begin this year, we can say,

All: “We have walked with you, O God. We have loved our Savior more. Amen”

*Opening Hymn

“The First Noel”

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*Congregation: please stand, if able; bold type read aloud.

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we proclaim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry -- their lives imperiled--what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our innermost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore our fellowship with him. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Confession

***Promise of God's Forgiveness**

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

One: Know that we have been forgiven and be at peace!

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #734, Gloria Patri)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Selves to God - Offertory

*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children - Junior Sermon

Valerie Harsh

Choral Anthem

'Wise Men Still Seek Him'

(Children ages 3–1st grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; older children may pick up a "Worship Board" in the right front pew for their use during the service.)

Bible Readings

Isaiah 60:1-8

Old Testament

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Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament

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Sermon

"Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Isaiah 60:1-8

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.

⁸Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶”And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; For from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt

down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Reflective Hymn

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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***We Affirm Our Faith - The Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (in unison)

O God, you are just and you treat people with fairness. We still have a distance to go in our quest of commitment and growth. Help us learn from the children what it means to have faith. May we not be afraid of dependence when it means trusting in you. Let humankind learn from each other what it means to forgive. Let people learn from the foreigner what it means to dwell in a strange land - as our faith calls for us to offer hospitality to the rootless, the homeless and the estranged in this world. May our lives be an example for the stranger and the neighbor, of the assurance of the Christ’s love, as he taught us to pray: *“Our Father Who Art In Heaven...”*

* Departing Hymn

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You "

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Blessing

One: We have been blessed!

All: We have met for divine worship, as God’s people.

One: We have been blessed!

All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

One: We have been blessed!

All: We now go out into the world as the body of Christ, witnessing to the Risen Christ. We have been blessed indeed. Hallelujah, Amen!

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Benediction

-WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. We invite both visitors and “regulars” to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

VISITOR INFORMATION --- We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL---We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH---During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1st grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the Time with Children after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age. For children who remain in the worship service, there are “worship boards” in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

The Facts:

Annual budget expense	\$142,151
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733

The Figures:

Offering 12/30	\$1,506.35
Offering 01/06	\$
Offering 01/13	\$
Offering 01/20	\$
Offering 01/27	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 30

Worship: 51	Sunday School: 22
	Spiritual Enrichment 5
	Fellowship 12
	Youth 2
	One Room 3

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: January 6 - January 19, 2013

	January 6 - 12	January 13-January 19
Today	06 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	13 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship
Monday	07	14
Tuesday	08 6:00 pm Pancake Dinner for "Relay for Life" (open to all) 6:30 pm Congregational Care * 7:30 pm Evening Circle	15
Wednesday	09 7:00 pm Choir	16 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	10 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	17 2-8:00 pm Cleaning
Friday	11	18
Saturday	12	19

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, January 6	January 13
USHERS	Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Rev. Beverly Bullock
JUNIOR CHURCH	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Mary Kay Schroeter Madison Foster
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter	David Johnson Ron Recher

JANUARY GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Ruby Hasky	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Katherine Tompkins	The family of Erika Fifer (Morgan Ingram's friend)
Christine Belsches	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Marian McDonald	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Gladys Wiseman	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Audrey Turner	Laura Lambert (Peggy Allen's mother)
Kenneth Figg	Jim Judkins (David Johnson's cousin)
Clara Smith	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
June Hawks	Pat Hunter
Aida Faries	2012-2013 School Year
Don Vtipil	Frank Solesbee
PNC	Pat Hunter

JANUARY NEWSLETTER CORRECTION -

"THOSE WHO SERVE - JANUARY 2013, "COUNTING"

Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
Morgan Ingram	David Johnson	Sheila Fields	Sandy Hunter
Donald Hunter	Ron Recher	Glenda Mayhew	Evelyn Lichvar

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE - JANUARY MEETING will be held Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the home of Kay Alloway.

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[Clip & save this listing for future reference.]

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YWCA www.ywcarichmond.org	(804) 643-0888 ... 24-hour Hotline
CARES www.careshelterpetersburg.org	(804) 861-0849
Nat'l. Domestic Violence Hotline www.thehotline.org	1 (800) 799-7233 (1-800-799-SAFE)
Nat'l. Center for Missing & Exploited Children www.missingkids.com	1 (800) 843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST)
Poison Control Hotline www.poison.org	1-800-222-1212
Child Abuse Hotline	1 (800) 552-7096
Center for Elder Rights & Aging Services Information	1 (800) 552-3402 (Voice/TTY)

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