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## Service for the Lord's Day

January 2, 2022

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE.....*"Fugue on Tone V"*..... Pachelbel

### MEDITATION

"No matter how far down a wrong road you've gone, turn back." - Turkish proverb

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the attendance register.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**People: And the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

**People: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

\*HYMN ..... *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* ..... 132

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

As the Christ child, our Lord enters into a broken world, full of broken people. Indeed, it is a world in need of salvation. And the saving begins when we confess where we have gone wrong. Let us confess our sins together:

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*SILENT CONFESSION

And let the people say, **Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace. Hail! the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Friends, believe the good news . . . In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!		
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INVITATION TO OFFERING		
We invite you to use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to go to darnestownpc.org, and click on “Give to DPC.” Or, you can mail a check to: Darnestown Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 3070, Gaithersburg, MD 20885		
OFFERTORY	“Psalm XIX”	Marcello
*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER		609
SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Malachi 3: 1-4 (p. 838)	
Thanks be to God!	Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 1)	
Children may leave for Jr. Church at this time.		
SERMON	“Look Out! There’s a New King in Town”	Rev. Norm Gordon
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Philippians 2: 5-11	
<b>Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.</b>		
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION		
Invitation to the Table		
*Hymn	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	12
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer		
Minister:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	<b>And also with you.</b>	
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.	
People:	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>	
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People:	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise!</b>	
Minister:	Let us pray ...	

The Lord’s Prayer: <b>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.</b>		
The Words of Institution		
The Communion		
(Please hold the elements until all are served, and we will commune together.)		
Prayer after Communion		
*HYMN	“All Things Bright and Beautiful”	20
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Allegro Maestoso”	Handel
A Nursery is available during the service for infants and toddlers in the first room to the right past the Gathering Space.		
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Worship Leaders: Rev. Norm Gordon; the Lay Reader this morning is Larry Ciorlorito. Alan Munter is the A-V and Internet Technician, and Erin Reed is our Facebook Live tech.		
We welcome Rev. Norm Gordon to the pulpit this morning. Norm grew up in Washington Grove and attended Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church as a youth. He met his wife, Elsie, a clinical psychologist, at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree. His first two calls were church plants, one in Los Angeles, another in West Monroe, Louisiana. Norm returned to the area in 2007 as Associate Pastor at his childhood church. Since 2015, he has been ministering outside the established church with Bridges US ( <a href="http://www.bridgeus.org">www.bridgeus.org</a> ) and now runs a community group called Germantown Global Connection under the auspices of the National Capital Presbytery. Darnestown Presbyterian Church has graciously agreed to support this ministry by handling the bookkeeping for this new project as an outreach to the Germantown community. His three girls are Alicia (21), Abby (18), and A. J. (15). Norm enjoys running, playing his guitar, reading, and drinking his daily cup of dark roast coffee.		
Rev. Neill S. Morgan, Pastor Mr. Eric Waggoner, Director of Music Mrs. Terrie May, Program Assistant Rev. Dr. Henry J. Postel, Pastor Emeritus		

HYMNS

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1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin, trans. John Mason Neale, 1853. Music: German folk melody 14<sup>th</sup> century.

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1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Charmers Smith, 1867, alt. Music: Welsh folk melody; arr. Can iadau y Cyssegr, 1839.

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Refrain:  
All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings.  
(Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:  
(Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one.  
(Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
(Refrain)

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt. Music: English melody; 17<sup>th</sup> cent; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915.

SCRIPTURES

Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, ‘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.’ <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “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.” ’

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.’ <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On 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 of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Calendar of the Week

### **Sunday, January 2** – Communion Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
Jr. Church after Children's Message
- 1:00 p.m. – Mission to Germantown HELP Food Pantry

### **Thursday, January 6**

- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Library

## 2022 Stewardship Pledge Campaign: Abundant Generosity

We are in the middle of our Darnestown Presbyterian Church 2020 Stewardship Pledge Campaign: Abundant Generosity.

There are several ways you can make your DPC 2022 Pledge:

**ONE:** You should've received a pledge card in the mail at your home. You can return your pledge card in the envelope via the mail or drop it in the offering plate during an upcoming worship service. If you did not receive a pledge card and would like one, please contact the church office: email to: [dpchurch@comcast.net](mailto:dpchurch@comcast.net).

**TWO:** Online Pledging is available on our DPC website ([www.darnestownpc.org](http://www.darnestownpc.org)). Click the 2022 Pledge Button on the DPC home page, log into the DPC Member Portal and click on the 'My Giving' button. Click the '+ Pledge' link on the upper right-hand side of the page to enter your pledge.

The deadline for turning in your 2022 pledge is **December 19, 2021**. Thank you in advance for your generous support of Darnestown Presbyterian Church in the coming year.



## Adult Education to Begin January 9

**Sunday Morning Newcomers Class**, “How to Speak Presbyterian” beginning **January 9 at 9 am**. If you or someone you know is interested in the class, please let me know soon. You can email me at [neill.s.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:neill.s.morgan@gmail.com) or call or text me at 903.814.9343. Childcare or Sunday School for children and youth will be available at the same time. We will also provide a Zoom link for anyone who would prefer to participate remotely. Whether you are already a member or are thinking about joining Darnestown Presbyterian, this class will deepen your understanding of our mission and ministry.

The class will include general information about Presbyterian theology, history, and form of government and also some information specific to our congregation – traditions, history, and how to get stuff done around here – all questions answered. Attending this class does not obligate anyone to join the church, but it will prepare you to make an informed decision about membership and how you might best use your gifts for God's purposes.

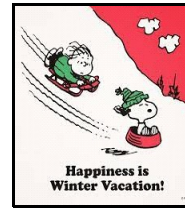
I am planning for **ten classes on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** Though we receive new members and baptize throughout the year, Easter (which falls on April 17, 2022) is a traditional time for baptisms and joining the church. For those who wish to join the church, this class will prepare you to make that decision by Easter.

– Neill Morgan (903.814.9343)

**Adult Class:** Sarah Henderson will continue with the curriculum “Follow Me,” with the next session “Confess.” Please join Sarah and others in the Library on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

## Newsletter Deadline:

Thursday, January 6 for the January issue (we postponed the date for the holidays).



**The Youth Group** will be on a winter break January 2 and January 9, 2022. Meetings will resume January 16 and 23, 2022 dependent on the Covid virus numbers in the county.

Information will be coming directly to your email, please stay tuned. Happy New Year!

## Book Club:

Read, Think, Dessert...  
the DPC Book Club



This month we are reading a very interesting story by Kate Quinn, "The Rose Code " please join us, all are welcome- so bring a friend! The New York Times and USA Today best-selling author of The Huntress and The Alice Network returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of three female codebreakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over.

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, January 25**

Location: Gathering Space Time: 7:30 pm  
Peggy Gardner will lead our discussion and Toni Robison will provide a dessert to share, this is always a fun time.

**The Book Pick for February:** “Cloud Cuckoo Land” by Anthony Doerr

**Officer Training:** **Saturday, January 15**, held on the campus of DPC.

**Officer Ordination and Installation:**  
**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**Germantown HELP:** Today, January 2, , is our day to stock shelves at Germantown Help Food Pantry. Contact Rob Garretson if you plan to attend. Thank you.