

## United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri  
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Liturgist Rachel Ward Pinto  
Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Jessica Anschutz

**January 7, 2018 10:30 a.m. First Sunday after the Epiphany**

*\*Congregation will stand, as able.*

Please take time to greet and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

“Abide in Me”...“Love One Another”...“Bear Fruit”

#### Prelude

#### Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

#### Opening Prayer (In Unison)

In the beginning, O God, you fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in you. Out of the void, you brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And you are here, waiting to greet us. As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn: “This is the Day of New Beginnings” UMH #383**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7**

**\*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11**

**Liturgist: The Word of God to the People of God.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: “Give Peace Again”**

**Offering of Gifts and Tithes**

**The Offertory: “Make Me A Servant” FWS #2176**

**\*The Doxology UMH #95**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Mighty God, you have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness, and because we care about people who do not know you, people who have not shared your abundance, people who have defied your commandments, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work you intend in Christ’s name. Amen.

**Service of Holy Communion: UMH #12-14**

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618 and #174)

(Children will go to Sunday School)

**The Good News: Rev. Dr. Jessica Anschutz**

#### The Pastoral 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Recessional Hymn: “When Jesus Came to Jordan” UMH #252**

#### \*Commission and Blessing:

God gives strength to those who will receive it.

God will bless the people with peace.

**We need the strength God will provide.**

**We accept peace as God’s generous gift.**

Listen to the majesty of God’s voice, calling you!

Glorify God’s name in your work and worship.

**We have been baptized in the name of Jesus.**

**The triune God has blessed and empowered us.**

Then go out as a new creation in Christ.

Let others see how God is changing you.

**We are unworthy servants of the Most High.**

**Yet we are ready to do what God expects. Amen. Amen.**

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Maxine Haigh  
“In loving memory of my father, Dr. Marvin Freid”*

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#### Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Susan Crookston and June Willis

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio and Pat Golanec

Today: **After worship, New Year’s Brunch and Mission Conversation**

Monday: **6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group GP Room**

**7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday: **Bible Study Groups: 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. GP Room**

Wednesday: **10:30 a.m. Small Group 1**

Thursday: **10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel**

Friday: **10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room**

We welcome all visitors and are happy you chose our church to worship. Please fill out the visitor card in the pews and indicate if you would like the Pastor to call on you. If you are interested in joining our church, please talk to Maxine Haigh, Pastor Iwy or call the office. **Attention, parents of young children:** On the back shelf, there are liturgical activity sheets for the children that are linked with morning worship. Please feel free to get one for your child.

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