

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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January 6, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

“EPIPHANY OF THE LORD/COMMUNION SUNDAY”

“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):

Eternal God, because your purposes become clear to us in Jesus Christ, we come with boldness to claim our relationship with you. We are grateful for pioneers in the faith whose stewardship has salvaged for us a way of life rooted in the gospel. The flames you ignited in them have not gone out, in spite of our faithlessness. Your wisdom is still proclaimed in the church, challenging centers of earthly power with the claims of heaven. Today our search for meaning has led us to this place of worship. You are here; we rejoice! Amen.

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

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**

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**

O God, for the joy of giving, we offer the products of our labor for the ministry of this church, in outreach to the world. With concern for those who are poor, oppressed, and needy, we rededicate ourselves as helpers and advocates. Out of devotion to Christ, we commit our best, that the church may bear witness among the principalities and powers of this world. Help us all, O God, to be faithful stewards. Amen.

Installation/Blessing of Committee Members

Service of Holy Communion: UMH #12-14

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618 & #174)

The Good News:

Pastor Iwy

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:** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH #220

***Commission and Blessing:**

God sends us on our way, a bold and confident people.

Look up, and be guided by the star of joy.

We will open our eyes to the presence of God.

We will look for God’s activity all around us.

God’s purposes in Christ are to be lived out by us.

We are called to invite others to share in God’s grace.

We will witness to all we have seen and heard.

By God’s power, we will minister to others.

The glory of God has risen among us.

We are blessed beyond all deserving.

What we have received, we pass on with joy.

We offer to all the unsearchable riches of Christ. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Grace Reynolds “In honor of Russ, Betsy, Annette & Logan’s Birthdays” and Maxine Haigh “In loving memory of my Father, Dr. Marvin Freid”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: New Year’s Pancake Brunch replaces Coffee Hour

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Grace Reynolds & Muriel Carpenter

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, & Patti Scozzari

Today:

9:30 am Adult Sunday School, GP Room; Installation of Committee Members during Worship; New Year’s Pancake Brunch After Worship; 4:00 pm Confirmation Peekskill Homeless Shelter Meal 6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room; 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting, GP Room

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 am & 8:00 pm Bible Studies, GP Room

Wednesday:

10:30 am Small Group 1, GP Room

Thursday:

11:00 am Prayer Group, Chapel

Friday:

10:00 am Small Group 2, GP Room; 11:00 am Crafts for a Cause

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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