

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Celtic Cross Room. Members and friends of DPC who do not currently have envelopes and would like them, may write their names on the note pads on the table or contact Linay Richards at 215-348-3531 or linayr@dtownpc.org. In order to meet the IRS requirements for a 2018 charitable contribution, donations must be received in the church office by **5 p.m. tomorrow, Monday December 31** or postmarked with a **2018** date.

April 2019 Southwest Mission Community Pantry, Gallup, NM Trip, April 7-13. We will work in the Pantry and prepare the gardens. The cost should be \$700 to \$900 (double) per person / \$1,000 to \$1,200 (single) per person, depending on airline costs. **Reservations due by January 7 with a \$450 deposit.** If you have questions, please contact Mary Lee or Brian Reiff (215-348-9293 / bereiff@aol.com).

Our community's **Code Blue homeless shelter** is opened for the season at Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian. All trained volunteers are encouraged to sign up to help staff the shelter. For information, visit www.centralbuckscodeblue.org.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES RESUME

JANUARY 2—Club 456: 5:30-7:15 pm

JANUARY 3—Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7-9 pm

JANUARY 6

Worship: 8:30-9:30 am

Orchestra Rehearsal: 8:30-9:30 am

Sunday Education Classes: 9:45-10:30 am

Worship: 11-12 pm

Element: 6-8:30 pm

JANUARY 7—Joyful Bells: 7-8 pm

JANUARY 9

Sunshine Singers, age 4-Kindergarten: 4:30-5:15 pm

Alleluia Choir, Grades 1-2: 4:30-5:15 pm

Jubilation Choir, Grades 3-6: 4:30-5:15 pm

Celebration Ringers Bell Choir, Grades 3-6: :15-5:45 pm

Youth Choir: 6-6:30 pm

Festival Ringers: 6:30-7:00 pm

Ecumenical Choir: 7-8:30pm

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Good News and the Other News. *Current events are discussed from the perspective of faith.* Room AH-207. *Led by Christo Claassens, Jenny Danzis, Jay Stough & the Pastors*

iLIGHT. *Diverse Topics. Diverse People. Demanding Times. We are all Learning in God's House Together!* Room AH-211. January 6 – 27: “Justice for All”. The singsong of and “justice for all” sighs from the lips of schoolchildren across the U.S. Hand over heart, these words resonate memory and meaning for us all. What exactly does *justice for all* intend, command? Does the intention and command differ when sighed from the lips of a Christian? Jesus unabashedly challenged the unjust systems and practices of his day. We are called to do the same: to be a voice for the voiceless, to question and reject unjust systems, and to work so that all may have life abundant. During the month of January, iLIGHT will be seeking God's heart for justice as revealed from Genesis to Revelation. *Led by Christen Blore and Matt Rizk*

MAN-TALK. *We address problems seldom discussed. Presented by a Christian professional or Bible scholar.* Room AH-120
January 6: Part 2 of 3—Addressing Inequity
Led by Richard Jensen

THE WORD AMONG US. *An in-depth Bible study that welcomes all to explore Scripture.* Room AH-209
The OT book of Isaiah affirms several basic doctrines about the nature of God: He is One, He is sovereign, He is holy, He is Judge, and He is our Redeemer and Restorer. Isaiah's main theme in early chapters is that God's people have sinned and rebelled against God, and are accountable before God for their sins. Then in the later chapters, the main theme shifts to the hope for God's forgiveness, and it is here that most of Isaiah's prophetic references to the coming Messiah are found. Join us as we journey through the spiritual truths in these ancient prophesies that are just as relevant to us today. *Led by Dick Cornelius and Margaret Thoresen*

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Harp Selections
Brenda Hart

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word,
**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

Now the fullness of time has come:
**And the Word became flesh
to dwell among us.**
Let us Worship God.

*Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Leader: We make these confessions asking, “Lord, have mercy.”

Congregational Response 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

** Those who are able, please stand * * * Seating interludes*



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The Sharing of the Peace of Christ
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational Response 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO
**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!**

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 734
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *Ave Maria* C. Gounod
Joe Hart

Time with the Children
*(After the message children ages four through first grade are welcome to leave for
Children's Worship Time in AH-207. They will return to their parents before the final hymn.)*

New Testament Lesson: John 1:1-18 Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 91

Sermon "Grounded Hope" Rev. Josh Gill

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 158 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child* MARY'S CHILD

*Affirmation of Faith: Phil. 2: 5– 11
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.

Concerns of the Church
(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)
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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Offertory *Peace* arr. Joe Hart

*Congregational Response 145 *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVEES
**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Dedication
Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 134 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

*Benediction

*Congregational Response 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

Postlude *Fanfare* G. YOUNG

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Assisting today: Beth Vandersall, Keith Roberts **Sound System:** Glenn Frater

Ushers: Susan and Cameron Craig, Julie Davis, Marne Dietterich, Craig Myers, Mindy and Scott Russell, John Schumann, Mark and Chris Strasburg, Mike Waters **Van Driver:** Van Starnier

Greeters: Carole Ermold

Liturgy notes: Today's Call to Worship Volume 49.1, pg. 53 Prayer of Confession Book of Common Worship, pg. 190.