



January 3, 2016
Epiphany

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WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
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GREETER: ALICE ESTES **USHER:** MIKE CUBITT **YOUTH GREETER:** BARBIE SMITH

COMMUNION: MIKE JAMES AND BRIAN LEAVITT **ACOLYTE:** MARGARET MAYER

TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, IS PROVIDED BY MIKE CUBITT . PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 467-3327 .

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service. Your host is Jim Verni.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

SILENT PRAYER

From near and far, we come to worship. Amid our joys and sorrows, we come to praise. In our strength and in our weakness, we gather for refreshment and renewal. You have called us together, O God, like a shepherd keeps a flock. As a gardener waters growing plants, you care for us and provide for our growth. Praise be to you, O God, for your protecting love and freeing grace. Shine upon us here that we may know your truth and receive it into our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

MIKE JAMES

One: A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone. This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter God.

All: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

One: Look to the heavens and wonder at the magnitude of space. Look around you at the amazing variety of creation.

All: You have made everything suitable for its time. You have made us and crowned us with glory and honor.

One: Ponder the meaning of our days in the face of eternity. Consider again what God has called us to be and to do.

All: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands. You have called us to minister to the least of your children.

---from *Gathered by Love*, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

*HYMN #57 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

WAREHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

MIKE JAMES

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION (UNISON)

MIKE JAMES

Amazing God, as we ponder your vast creation, we are awed by what we see and all we cannot see. We have been so busy that we have forgotten how small and insignificant we are amid the far reaches of time and space. Yet you honor and value us as if each of us were your crowning achievement. You care for us as if we were of highest worth. O God, reorder our priorities so we can begin to live up to your high expectations. Forgive our faltering ways. Embrace us in your tender mercy. We long to be made new. Amen.

-- from *Led by Love*, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1996

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. CAROLYN GROHMAN

One: Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and...

All: **Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us.**

One: All who are in Christ are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 1:1-4

MIKE JAMES

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14

REV. CAROLYN GROHMAN

SERMON "The Word for the New Year"

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***HYMN #217 "What Child is This?"**

GREENSLEEVES

WORDS WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER EARL REPP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Generous and loving God, receive our gifts and receive our lives made new by your blessing. May we plant seeds, heal wounds, and build up your world. May we love and seek and embrace your children. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves toward the realization of your realm in our midst. Multiply and prosper our ministries in Christ's name. Amen.

--- adapted from *Gathered by Love*, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

In long nights of eternity...And so with all the stars of heaven we proclaim with gladness:

Glory! Glory! Glory! Holy is the one who created all things and declared them good. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest!

In times of deepest sorrow...Amen.

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Empower us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love may be your love leading us out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #188** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***HYMN #** GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adult Education & Mission thanks you for all you do for others throughout the year. Please join us on **Sunday, January 10** after service, in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy finger foods and beverages, compliment of AE&M.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is a special offering that supports racial ethnic colleges and schools and contributes to the assistance program for retired church workers of the Board of Pensions. This offering will be collected on Christmas Eve, December 27th, and January 3rd. Additional envelopes are on the Deacons' credenza.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING for Committee members and other church leaders: consider attending Presbytery's Church Leadership Development Day on Sat, 1/23/16 at Perinton Presbyterian. 10 morning courses, 8 "working lunch" courses. Registration \$5, optional bag lunch \$5. More info: flyer on bulletin board by office; ask office or Clerk of Session Mary Haverfield; Presbytery website <http://pbygenval.org/events/church-leadership-development-day-2/> Deadline for registration by mail is 1/13/16.



Sunday, January 3rd

10:00 am
11:15 am

Rev. Carolyn Gronman

Family Worship
Deacons Meeting

Communion

Sanctuary
Memorial Lounge

Monday, January 4th

6:00 pm

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Rooms 10/14

Tuesday, January 5th

6:00 pm
7:00 pm

Webelos 1
Troop 203

Fellowship Hall
Memorial Lounge

Wednesday, January 6th

10:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm

Staff Meeting
Bells
Troop 127
Troop 79

Memorial Lounge
Fellowship Hall
Room 14
Room 15

Thursday, January 7th

5:30 pm
7:00 pm

Wolf Den
Property

Room 14
Memorial Lounge

Saturday, January 9th

5:00 pm

Rochester Birding Assoc.

Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 10th

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:15 am
5:00 pm

Family Worship
Children Workshop
Adult Forum
Mission Team

Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
Memorial Lounge