



January 8, 2012 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
~ Epiphany Sunday ~

Welcome (Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship Pad) **

Moment for Mission

Prelude "Oh, Love, How Deep" arr. Richard Hillert

(9:00) **Children's Sermon** "What is Epiphany?"

Call to Worship (Leader, **People**)

O God, our only hope for a world in the midst of night, listen to our voices!

In the midst of our night, pour out your holy light, O God: Let your light shine, let it shine.

In the same way the Wise Men followed the star in the midst of the night, looking for you,

In the midst of our night, pour out your holy light, O God: Let your light shine, let it shine.

* **Hymn No. 66** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Hear our prayers of confession, O mighty Lord of Light. We confess that we have grown accustomed to the darkness. We confess that we have learned to love the darkness. It hides our sins and covers our hatred. It masks our bigotries and disguises our anger. O Lord of the epiphany, draw us out of our darkness and into your forgiving light. (silent prayers)

* **Assurance of Pardon**

* **Gloria Patri**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 72

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer
Congregational Response**

O, star of wonder star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory "Gavotte" Samuel Wesley
Doxology

Anthem "The Shepherds Farewell" Hector Berlioz

Sermon "We Need an Epiphany"
Text: Matthew 2:1-12

* **Hymn No. 64** "From a Distant Home"

* **Benediction**

Postlude "A Thousand Tongues" arr. William McNair

*Please stand as you are able **Late comers seated

The Call to Worship is adapted from a litany by the Rev. Candita Mattos, Consultant to the Council of Hispanic Ministries, UCC.

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In the Pulpit: Rev. G. W. "Blake" Blakesley, III, Pastor
Assisting: Rev. Wonjae Choi, Associate Pastor

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In preparation for worship, take the opportunity to speak to God, respecting each other's desire to meditate. At the close of the service, greet one another with joy.

The **chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Betty Jean Meredith by her husband, Bill, and family.

Corrections to Christmas Eve Bulletin Dedications – Apologies to the Chase and Juba families for errors in their dedications. The correct dedications are below:

The 3:30 Christmas Eve bulletin cover is given by Carrie Lynn Juba in loving memory of her mother, Carrie M. Chase.

The 9:00 Christmas Eve bulletin covers is given by Don Chase in loving memory of his wife, Carrie M. Chase and his son, Craig Chase.

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Assisting with today services:

Ushers: (8:00 & 9:00) Team F Don Chase, Captain; Sal Cappa, Linda Bowen, Kay DeWitt, Bill and Jeanne Nagel, Robin Vannote
(10:45) Team G Doug Rendall, Captain; Heather Bray, Dave and Barbara Clark, Carol Sheehan, Dave and Phoebe Strome

Deacon Flower Delivery: Diane Nadler and Caroline Kruse

Our Staff:

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Jordan Saul, Youth Music Associate
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Jonathan Reinink, Seminary Intern, Youth Director
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Welcome to the Newtown Presbyterian Church!

We are happy to have you share our service of worship. Whether you are a visitor or a newcomer to the area, we ask that you sign the Friendship Pad with your name, full address, (please print) and phone number so we may contact you personally. Infant and Toddler Nursery are provided during the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. Please see an usher for details.

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**Confidential Prayer Chain** - James 5:13-16 "Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...pray for one another that you may be healed." The Prayer Chain offers prayer for those in need. Please call on us by giving requests to Marcia Scull, (215) 968-2489, or the church office, (215) 968-3861.

**Concert Series** – The next concert will be Sunday, January 22, at 4:00. The Shockey Family, former members of Newtown Presbyterian Church, will be providing us with a memorable performance of a variety of music.

**Monday Night Bible Study** - A Bible study entitled, Christian Doctrine: Love Wins, will begin tomorrow evening, January 9, in room B1. This ten-week study includes reading materials and a video component providing a summary of basic Christian doctrines and their application in today's environment. Classes begin at 7:30 p.m. and finish no later than 9:00 p.m. Please contact Wonjae, [revwonjae@newtownpres.org](mailto:revwonjae@newtownpres.org), if you have any questions about what should be a very thought-provoking program.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Need** - The 6th - 8th grade youth group will be making blankets to donate to a hospice program. If you feel called to support this ministry, we would appreciate donations of fleece material at least 3.5 feet in dimension. Contact Rev. Wonjae at [revwonjae@newtownpres.org](mailto:revwonjae@newtownpres.org).

**New Members Class** – A New Members Class will be held Saturday, January 21, at 8:30 in Ettenger Hall. If you are interested in joining Newtown Presbyterian Church or if you are interested in learning more about Presbyterians or our Church, call the church office at 215-968-2861 or speak with Rev. Blake or Rev. Wonjae.

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The deadline for the February newsletter is Wednesday January 11, at noon. Please respect the deadline.

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**Apportionment** – This year's apportionment is \$23.23. Apportionment is the amount each confirmed church member is assessed by the Presbytery and that assessment goes directly to the Presbytery. If you do not pay your apportionment, funds are taken from various committees or other projects of our church.

### **Stephen Ministry**

is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care needed to support them. Newtown Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.  
Contact Rev. Wonjae at 215-968-3861 or  
[revwonjae@newtownpres.org](mailto:revwonjae@newtownpres.org)

**Chancel Flowers** – If you would like to dedicate the chancel flowers, Sunday, February 12 is available. The cost is \$70. Contact Ruth Barcafer at 215-702-9426 to make the dedication.

**2012 Envelopes** – The offering envelopes are ready for pickup. They are on tables outside of Ettenger Hall. (Please do not use scotch tape on your offering envelopes.) If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please call the office at 215-968-3861.

**The Annual Meeting** – The Annual Meeting and Stewardship Celebration Brunch will be held Sunday, January 15, following the 9:00 service. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers to be elected.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – You are encouraged to join the growing number of NPC members gathered around the table in the **Pastor's Office** each Sunday morning, from 9:00 – 10:00.



## SOUP ~ SOUP ~ SOUP ~ SOUP ~ SOUP

### SOUP SALE JANUARY 29

A wide variety of homemade soups will be available for sale following each service Sunday, January 29. The proceeds from the sale benefit the Historic Church Committee.

If you are able to make soup for the sale, containers will be available for you in the Reception area on Sunday January 22. (They will also be available during the week in the church kitchen).

Please deliver your delicious soups to the church on Saturday, Jan. 28, in the afternoon between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Then, on Sunday, be sure to buy some soup made by the best cooks ever.

Any questions??? Call Wanda Kuchinsky at (215) 860-3192.

#### **Anthem Text - " The Shepherds Farewell "**

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share, Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus we implore thee with humble love and holy fear, In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild!  
Guard ye well your heavenly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!  
God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday – January 8, 2012

|            |                                          |
|------------|------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Worship (Sanc)                           |
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| 9:00 a.m.  | Adult Bible Discussion (Pastor's Office) |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School                            |
| 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hour (EH)                     |
| 10:00 a.m. | Stephen Ministry (208)                   |
| 10:45 a.m. | Worship (Sanc)                           |
| 2:00 p.m.  | CPR Training (EH)                        |
| 5:00 p.m.  | 6 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Youth Group          |

### Weekly Calendar: January 9 – 14, 2012

|           |             |                            |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Monday    | 7:30 p.m.   | Evening Bible Study (B1)   |
| Tuesday   | 10:30 a.m.  | Staff Meeting (PO)         |
|           | 6:00 p.m.   | Women's AA (B1))           |
|           | 7:15 p.m.   | Deacons (RR)               |
|           | 7:30 p.m.   | Session (EH)               |
| Wednesday | <b>Noon</b> | <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> |
|           | 7:30 p.m.   | Trustees (EH)              |
|           | 7:30 p.m.   | Flying Solo (211)          |
|           | 7:30 p.m.   | AA (B1)                    |
| Thursday  | 6:00 p.m.   | Women's AA (B1)            |
|           | 7:00 p.m.   | Canon Ringers              |
|           | 8:00 p.m.   | Chancel Choir              |

### Sunday – January 15, 2012

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Worship (Sanc)                           |
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| 10:45 a.m. | Worship (Sanc)                           |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Youth Groups                             |

**Ask an usher for a headphone if you need hearing assistance or a large print hymnal.**