



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Epiphany • January 5, 2020

8:15 AM CHAPEL WORSHIP

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Arise and shine, for your light has come!

The glory of our Lord is upon us.

Look to God; rejoice and be radiant.

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:

God of light, shining in our darkness,

through a little Child You open to us the treasure of Your grace.

Help us to search diligently for Him

and receive Him anew in our hearts,

so that we might offer our lives to You with thanksgiving, joy and praise;

through Jesus, the Christ, our bright and shining Morning Star. Amen.

***HYMN 67**

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

MORNING STAR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not fully embraced Your love

shown to us in Jesus, God-with-us.

Christ has come into the world, and yet we do not know Him.

The prayer continues.

** The congregation may stand.*

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

He has called us to be His own, and yet we have not given ourselves fully to Him.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Show us Your mercy and truth until we know in fullness Your good news of great joy,
and are prepared to share it with Your people, Your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:1-12

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WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

SERMON

The 2020 Election

Rev. Marc Oehler

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***RESPONSE OF FAITH**

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THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

***COMMUNION**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

9:00 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING SONGS

Make Us One, Whole Heart (Hold Me Now), No Longer Slaves

Children leave to join their Sunday School small groups after the first song.

BIDDING PRAYER

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*CLOSING SONG

Forever Reign

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SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

8:00 am - Infants and Toddlers - Room 202

9:00 am & 10:15 am - Sunday School - 206, 306, 311, 312 and Serenity Room

9:00 am - Faith and Life - Conference Room

9:45 am - Centering Prayer - Serenity Room

11:15 am - Prayer Circle - Pulsifer Chapel

11:30 am - Sermon Talk Back - Pulsifer Chapel

6:00 pm - FOCUS - Barn

6:00 pm - High School Choir - Large Choir Room

7:00 pm - High School BARN - Barn

10:15 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Children leave to join their Sunday School small groups.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM **There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth** (from *Christus*)
Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
and a scepter from Israel rise up,
and dash in pieces princes and nations.
-Numbers 24:17, Psalm 2:9

How brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar,
with light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God:
We look to You and we are radiant;
we thrill and rejoice as nations come to Your light and leaders welcome Your dawning.
You call us to arise and shine, for Your glory has risen upon us.
Therefore we praise You, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

***SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
With the ancient Magi, we come to pay Him homage;
we give Him the treasures of our hearts, our lives.
As His star shines down upon us, we are overwhelmed with joy.
Remembering Your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to You with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

***MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
By Your Spirit, make us bold and confident in our faith,
as You reveal to us the mystery of ages, Your plan for the world—
to bring all peoples to the knowledge of Your grace in Jesus Christ.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless You, God of glory,
now and forever.

Please be seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Thy peace.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please approach by way of the center aisle and return to your seat by the outer aisle. A gluten-free option is available at the head of the center aisle. If you wish to receive Communion, but cannot come forward, please signal the usher as your row is called to come forward and you will be served in your seat.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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POSTLUDE

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Paul Manz

WHAT'S HAPPENING

New Exhibit in The Gallery

We're excited to showcase the paintings of **Alexander Ferdinand Flinsch**, great-grandfather of longtime member Frank Schott, in The Gallery for the month of January. A prominent representative of the 19th century German artistic school of romantic naturalism, Flinsch combined his artistic career with the management of the family's paper production business in Berlin. Be sure to stop by The Gallery after worship and see the beautiful landscapes of Northern Italy, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. A reception will be held after the 10:15 am service.

Leadership Summit

The entire congregation is invited to a Leadership Summit on Saturday, **January 11 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** in DePhillips Hall entitled *Church Growth: Following the Spirit's Lead*. Lunch will be provided. At this Summit, we'll reflect on what the spirit of God seems to be up to in the world, how we might learn from what churches are doing in Africa and Asia, and how we might become more willing participants in the new thing God wants to do right here in Bergen and Passaic counties. Please RSVP to Anne Lee (alee@westside.org). - *Pastor Marc*

Third Annual Trivia Night

Join us on **January 11 at 7:00 pm** for Trivia Night with David Madden, winner of the 2019 *Jeopardy!* All-Star Games Tournament. Create your own five-person team, or we'll create one for you. Suggested donation: \$20 per person. RSVP to Pastor Liz (ljunod@westside.org).

Estate Planning for Your Heart

92% of people say talking with loved ones about end-of-life care is important. Yet only 32% have actually done so. At a hands-on workshop on **January 12 at 11:30 am**, we will give you the tools you need to have a conversation with your family about your wishes for end-of-life care.

Spiritual Writing Workshop

Everyone has a unique path in life. Are you following yours? We'll explore this question on **January 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** in a free workshop led by Sandra Miller, author of *Trove: A Woman's Search for Truth and Buried Treasure*. We'll use writing and reflective exercises to help you discover your unique purpose and joyfully step onto your path. Cost for lunch: \$10. Please RSVP to Pastor Liz (ljunod@westside.org).

The Tononi Trio

The West Side Concert Series kicks off 2020 with the Tononi Trio, a musical fixture in Northern New Jersey, on **January 26 at 3:00 pm**. Come hear pianist Ron Levy, violinist Laura Hamilton and cellist Lanny Paykin perform trios by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Brahms.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME VISITING?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. We look forward to helping you connect with others, grow more deeply in your faith and enrich your own life by serving others. Wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place for you at West Side.

Please stop by the visitor table located just inside the front doors, fill out a Let's Connect card and pick up a visitor bag. And please stay after worship to enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments in the Narthex and meet our members and pastors:

Rev. Marc Oehler, pastor, moehler@westside.org

Rev. Penny Hogan, associate pastor, phogan@westside.org

Rev. Liz Junod, pastoral associate, ljunod@westside.org

Deborah Holden-Holloway, minister of music, dholden-holloway@westside.org

Erik Eickhoff, associate minister of music, eeickhoff@westside.org

Eric Hufschmid, contemporary music leader, ehufschmid@westside.org

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