



Dr Phyllis Porter

Sunday December 30, 2018

Matthew 2:1-12
Luke 2:25-25, 39-40

Peterborough United Methodist Church

If you are a first time visitor please see the welcome card in your pew for more details and tips. Welcome!

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~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

*Those able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE

Organist

~INTROIT

Choir

WELCOME

Pastor

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MINISTRY MOMENTS

Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

UMH 231

Liturgist

Eternal God,

by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.

Grant that, being born in our hearts,

he may save use from all our sins,

**and restore within us the image and the likeness of our
Creator,**

to whom be everlasting praise and glory,

world without end. Amen.

~*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalter UMH 734

~*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

~* THE NICENE CREED

UMH 880

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist

Matthew 2:1-12, Pew Bible NT p 1

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,[b] and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah[c] was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

~ANTHEM

Choir

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pastor

*Children dismissed to Sunday School

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

JOYS Gracious Lord we ask that you, **All respond: Bless this joy.**

CONCERNS Lord, in your mercy, **All respond: Hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

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.

OFFERING

Organist

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

*DOXOLOGY "Traditional Old 100th"

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God (or him) all creatures here below;
Praise God (or him) above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.)

~*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Father God, your love showers us with the gift of your son. In your honor, we offer these gifts to help support your church in the hope that we will use them wisely to do your work. We are ever mindful of your great gifts this Christmas. Please bless these offerings that we might continue to serve you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist

Luke 2:25-35, 39-40 Pew Bible NT p 55

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

~RESPONSE		Choir
~*HYMN	O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1, 2, 3	UMH 234
MESSAGE	The Big Event	Dr Phyllis Porter
*HYMN	Joy to the World	UMH 246
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL		Pastor
~POSTLUDE		Organist

Sunday, December 30, 2018
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT PUMC TODAY:

Pastor:	Dr Phyllis Porter
Liturgist:	Susan Lindquist
Organist:	Gene Brochu
Choir Director:	Wendy Dunning

EVENTS:

Events this week:

Sun 30 Sunday Worship Service 10a
Sun 30 Adult Bible Class Sun 11:15a
Mon 31 Confidential meeting 6p
Wed 2 Office Hours 9-12
Wed 2 Choir rehearsal 11a
Wed 2 Covenant Discipleship Group 6:30p
Thu 3 Office Hours 9-12

Announcements & Upcoming:

Jan 6 Epiphany/Three Kings Service 10a
Jan 13 Free Community Breakfast 8a
Jan 15 Church/Administrative Council 6:30p
Jan 16 Bible Study Class begins - World Religions 9:45a
Jan 16 Church/Administrative Council 6:30p
Jan 18 Open Mic Night 7p
Jan 19 Hundred Nights Tailgate Dinner 4p
Jan 22 Newsletter due
Jan 23 Prayer Shawl Group 1p
Jan 26 Men's Monthly Breakfast 7:30a
Jan 26 PUMC Quilters 11a
Jan 27 Free Community Breakfast 8a
Jan 29 PUMC Book Group 1p

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

If this is your first time worshiping with us, please fill out the information card in your pew and place in the offering basket or hand it to an usher.

If you are interested in becoming part of the church family or wish to give a message to the pastor please check the appropriate box on the card.

We have a weekly email and a monthly newsletter. You can sign up for our mailing list on the web site.


We seek to make worship accessible and inclusive!

- Our nursery room is in the hallway past the fellowship hall, an attendant is present.
- During service children are invited to use Busy Bags, available in the front pew.
- Children's Sunday School begins during worship after Children's Message.
- A changing table is available in the hall/ADA bathroom.
- Large print books and magnifiers are in the front pew.
- Speakers amplify worship throughout the building.
- The password for the wifi network PUMC43 is AC123456BD

Rev Card can be contacted at
pumcpastor@peterboroughumc.org or (703) 309-5221.

Please join us for Christian fellowship in the Marion Bagley Memorial Fellowship Hall following worship.

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Sunday service: 10am