



Sunday January 6, 2019

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor:	Reverend Kathleene Card
Liturgist:	Michael Robidoux
Organist:	Gene Brochu
Choir Director:	Wendy Dunning

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

The Peace of The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

MINISTRY MOMENTS Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER UMH 255 Liturgist

**O God,
you made of one blood all nations,
and, by star in the East,
revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emanuel.
Enable us who know your presence is with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**

~*HYMN **Gather Us In FWS 2236**

~*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 72:1-8 Liturgist

L: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's sons and daughters.

**C: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown
grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**A: May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

~* A MODERN AFFIRMATION

UMH 885

P: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**A: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,**

**to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor

SCRIPTURE

Liturgist

Isaiah 60:1-6 Pew Bible OT p 649

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'
arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

~ANTHEM

Choir

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

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

Before the Magi offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they knelt and paid homage. As we worship here today, let us honor God first then present our gifts, while thanking God for the perfect gift of eternal life. Amen.

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 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 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 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.

~RESPONSE

Choir

~*HYMN **We Three Kings UMH 254 Stanzas 1-2**

MESSAGE

That Perfect Gift

Pastor

*HYMN **We Three Kings UMH 254 Stanzas 3-5**
(Children return for communion)

INVITATION

Liturgist

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will; we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE LAMINATES IN THE PEWS)

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.

*HYMN

Bind Us Together

FWS 2226

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor

~POSTLUDE

Organist

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT PUMC TODAY:

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EVENTS:

Events this week:

Sun 6 Epiphany/Three Kings Sunday Worship Service 10a
Sun 6 Adult Bible Class Sun 11:15a
Mon 7 Confidential meeting 6p
Wed 9 Office Hours 9-12
Wed 9 Choir rehearsal 11a
Wed 9 Covenant Discipleship Group 6:30p
Thu 10 Office Hours 9-12

Announcements & Upcoming:

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

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Come one – come all! Pray for someone – be prayed for by someone. Opportunities for prayer abound here at PUMC. Here are two:

Prayer Partners

For several years, we have engaged in a prayer partner program. You are invited to join us. All are welcome.

What is the prayer partner program? When you become part of the program, you will receive the name of someone for whom to pray and at the same time someone will receive your name and pray for you. It's just that simple. Whenever you have your prayer time, you pray for that person. It is suggested that you contact that person to see whether or not there is something specific for which they wish you to pray. Usually the same prayer partners are kept for a two month period and then they are changed and you receive a new one. It is a wonderful feeling to know that someone is praying for you and even more gratifying to pray for one of your fellow parishoners. So join us. Don't be shy.

Phyllis will handle all the mechanical details. Just give your name to Phyll or fill in the sign-up sheet found in your bulletin. She will add your name for the next pairing.

Prayer Chain

We also have a prayer chain. This provides a mechanism for prayer in an acute or crisis situation. If you are a member of the prayer chain you will be contacted and asked to pray for someone or some situation that is of immediate concern. Persons on the prayer chain are expected to call their contacts as soon as possible. To institute the chain call either Phyllis Porter or Pat Woodward and they will activate the chain. Want to join us? Tell Phyllis or fill in the sign up sheet in your bulletin.

Prayer Opportunities Sign Up

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sign me up! Prayer Partners Prayer Chain

Please put this sheet in the offering basket, hand to an usher, hand to Dr Phyllis Porter, or leave in the Incoming bin the fellowship hall

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Focus for the Week: This Week is about what it means to give. As you reflect on and pray about what God has given you, think about what you can give back to God and others. Practice giving yourself away. Give of your time, your love, your patience, and your understanding. Be a good listener for someone who is feeling hurt or alone. Give a smile to someone who needs it. When you are blessed by God; look for ways to share your blessings with others.

- I. First, We Can Bring to the Christ Child Our Repentance.
- Why is it difficult for us to understand that “*Apart from God we are incomplete*”?
 - Why is it difficult for us to admit we cannot make it on our own?
 - What does it mean to say, Jesus the Christ is our Savior?
 - The word “repentance” means literally to have so much sorrow we are willing to turn away from what we have done.
- II. Second, We Can Bring Him Our Gratitude
- The act of kindness that Jesus gave to us was expensive for him.
 - Responding to his kindness with compassion will continue his gift of love.
 - If we understand what this gift to us means, we will be eternally thankful.
- III. Third and Finally, We Can Bring to the Christ Child Our Love for Others.
- Do we practice Christian love by loving people without prejudice because God loves them?
 - Does our hospitality show our capacity to love?

Weekly Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the many gifts you give to us each day. Thank you for food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, health, work and so much more. You have blessed us with the gift of life. Help us truly appreciate it and make the most of it by giving ourselves to you and to others. May we give love to the unloved and hope to the hopeless. Open our eyes to the needs of others and enable us to respond in love. Amen.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

If this is your first time worshipping 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.

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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