

CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday
Baptism Sunday: Installation of Three Elders

January 8, 2012

* = Please stand, as you are able

GATHERING AROUND THE GOOD NEWS

Prelude

A Christmas Carol
Soloist: Ali Oliver-Krueger

Norman Dello Joio

Processional

African Alleluia

Benjamin Harlan

Welcome to Worship!

***Call to Worship** You are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.

Minister On that first day of life, when time began,

Ministers you gave birth to creation:
Light danced through the darkness,
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

Minister On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began,

Ministers you spoke of life for all your children,
as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

Minister On this first day of the week, when we begin anew,

Ministers you call us to faithfulness
as we open our hearts to you ...
your voice claiming us as your own!



*Hymn of Praise

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

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Lyte, the Scottish-born lyricist, won three poetry prizes while a student in Ireland. He intended to become a physician before entering the pastorate. This text was his original version of Psalm 150.

The blind Welsh composer Williams trained as a basket weaver.

An able singer and composer, he could transcribe a tune after hearing it once.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Anthem

Saw You Never in the Twilight

Tom Porter

Children's Witness

Three Vows

At the conclusion of the storytelling, children 4 years or less may be taken to the nursery. Do know we enjoy having children of all ages worship with us ... even with a little noise!

Children's Blessing **In Unison**

**The bright light of God's guarding be with you.
The bright light of Christ's love be with you.
The bright light of the Spirit's presence surround and
enfold you, all the days and the nights of your life. Amen.**

Witness in Word **Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11**

The Courage to Accept Acceptance

Silent Reflection



RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

**The Installation of Joseph Bunker, Paul Dudek, and Donna Stahr
as Active Elders of Bethesda Presbyterian Church**

***Hymn of Installation** **Here I Am, Lord** **verse 1** **525**

Lyricist and composer Schutte wrote this for a diaconate ordination at Oakland Cathedral. A onetime Jesuit priest, he served in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwest South Dakota.

Nature of the Office of Elder

Constitutional Questions to the Officers **insert**

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***Laying on of Hands and Prayer**

***Welcome!**



SEALING THE GOOD NEWS: HOLY COMMUNION

Our Offerings to God

Offertory

What Star Is This?
Chancel and Handbell Choir

Tallis Canon

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu-ia!**



*Stewardship Prayer (in unison) based on Deuteronomy 26

**Gracious God, you hear our prayers.
You have brought us to this place flowing with milk and honey.**

**Rejoicing in your love and care,
we bring to you now the first fruits of our labors.**

**What more have we to offer to you ...
... but ourselves?**



The Invitation to Our Servant Lord's Feast

***The Feast** The Narrative of the Bread and the Cup
 The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music Let Us Break Bread Together 513



The Lord's Prayer ...

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Offerings of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer



BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE GOOD NEWS INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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A UCC pastor and seminary worship professor, Duck has edited many worship resources. The composer Walter served as organist at Presbyterian and Episcopalian churches in the NYC area before becoming organist at Trinity Chapel, Columbia University.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

OUR STATEMENT of WELCOME: Bethesda Presbyterian Church is a diverse congregation welcoming all persons to serve Christ as full and active participants in our faith community, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identification or any other personal attribute.

AVAILABLE for WORSHIP!

In need any of these? Our Ushers and Greeters can help!

- Children's bulletins/activity sheets
- Large Print Bibles and Hymnals
- Hearing-Impaired Units



Our Servant Leaders in Worship this morning include ...

Ushers/Greeters

Acolyte

Liturgist

Communion Elders

Music Director

Pastor

Jeanne Dorsett, Donna Stahr
 Sophie Falvey
 Paul Dudek
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 LeeAnna Xanthos-McQueen
 Rev. Charles Booker-Hirsch

Our Sunday Schedule ...

9:30 – 12:30 Child Care (Infants through age 4)
11:00 – 12:00 Worship
12:00 – 12:30 Refreshments

Room 209
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Sundays 9:45-10:45 Christian Education – for God’s Children All Ages! ...

Children & Youth: 1/8: “The Prince of Egypt” – McKeithen Room (109)
Adults: 1/8-2/19: “Say to This Mountain”: Mark’s Story of Discipleship -- Parlor

Sunday, January 15 Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. John McNeill (see back cover)

**Sunday, January 22 post-Worship Annual Congregational Meeting
with Lunch – Fellowship Hall**

**Beginning Saturdays in January English as a Second Language tutoring (noon)
Fellowship Hall**

Beginning in March Bethesda’s Del Ray Club (12 Step clubhouse) moves to BPC



Jan 12 ~ Aline Blackman

Mary: after the baptism

Yes, of course. On many days I doubted. My faith grew out of doubt ... And I was waiting, remembering in my heart the very things that caused my doubt: the angel’s first appearing to me and then to Joseph; shepherds, kings, the flight to Egypt. Remembering was fearing; doubt helped. I had to face it all as true the day John baptized him. Then he knew.

Madeleine L’Engle



Our Guest Preacher for Sunday, January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend):

Rev. John C. McNeill, Jr.



The Reverend John C. McNeill, Jr., presently serves as the Men's Ministry Leader at Enon Baptist Church in Washington, DC and is the team captain for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention's Youth Ministry Initiative, serving as the principal planner for the annual youth summit. Rev. McNeill is a graduate of both Lincoln University (in PA) and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (Rochester, NY), where he received his Bachelor of Science in Health Science and a Master of Divinity degree respectively. While at Colgate, he served as President of the Black Student Caucus and received the Jansje Dinkerloo Carey Scholarship for pastoral promise and academic excellence. He has also served as a chaplain at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Rev. McNeill is a holistic spiritual caregiver and has served in various ministerial capacities to include youth and young adult pastor, guest preacher, Bible study teacher, curriculum developer, retreat facilitator and conference speaker. Committed to the life of the spirit and mind, in the summer of 2011, he participated as a fellow at the Chautauqua Institution's New Clergy Program, where he studied the intersections of faith and government during a weeklong discussion of "The Role of Religion in Engaging Citizens for the Common Good." Currently, Reverend McNeill is pursuing a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University's Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore.

Rev. McNeill is married to his love, the Rev. Starlette S. McNeill, who has served as our congregation's pulpit supply on two previous occasions.

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Constitutional
Questions for
Ordination,
Installation,
and
Commissioning

The moderator of the council of those to be ordained, installed, or commissioned shall ask them to stand before the body of membership and to answer the following questions:

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to
Congregation

- a. The ruling elders- elect having answered in the affirmative, a ruling elder shall stand with them before the congregation and shall ask the congregation to answer the following questions:
 - 1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Joe Bunker, Paul Dudek and Donna Stahr as ruling elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
 - 2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?