

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 1, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

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Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

David Wells

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

Joyce Cooper / David Wells

\*HYMN 245 "The First Noel"  
204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

\*EPIPHANY PRAYER *by The Rev. Nathan Decker*

**God with us, God revealed in us, God come to us, Emmanuel:**

**Long hidden within our heart's barren womb;**

**Too often explained away by our mind's idol of reason;**

**and so many moments kept captive in our soul's chains of doubt.**

**Show forth among us, Bread of Life! Be manifest here this day,**

**Cup of Salvation! Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation**

**to the poor who hunger for your nourishment,**

**to the seekers who travel across deserts for your drink,**

**to us gathered here, who desire you.**

**Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation**

**Through the one who saves us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Rev. Nathan Decker is the pastor of the Cheriton Charge on the Eastern Shore District and a clergy member of the Virginia Annual Conference. His great love is the diversity and inspiration of God's creative nature in worship.*

#### THE GIFT OF MUSIC

David Wells

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### MESSAGE

##### REVEAL

Pastor Mark Chow

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

David Wells

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

SENDING MUSIC

Joyce Cooper

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – Worship – --, 58  
Christmas Eve – 248

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 1 Claire Kaido, Lora Sidwell

January 2 Susan Gormley, Marcia Imlay

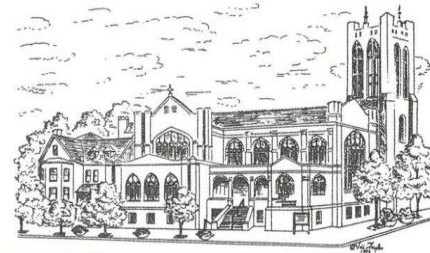
January 5 John Marlowe, Joan Mortimer, Joe Tyson

January 6 Lisa Arter, Patricia Isner, Nicholas Mealey

January 7 Isaac Stonecypher

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 1		<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>
Monday, January 2		<i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>
Tuesday, January 3	5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership – Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday, January 4	11:30 a.m.	OWLS – Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 5		
Friday, January 6	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, January 7		
Sunday, January 8	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service



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**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Thanks to our Worship Leaders this morning ---

Hospitality Team –

Elevator Attendants –

Pianist – Joyce Cooper

Communion Stewards – Janet Hill, Tom Swan, Mary Mason

Nursery Care Provider – Julie McAllister

Technical Team – Sarah Burris, Cindi Swope

***EPIPHANY SUNDAY***

The Epiphany of the Lord is an ancient celebration, originally focused on the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of Christ. Today we celebrate the coming of the magi (wise men) who brought gifts to the Holy Child who was revealed as the Christ.

We welcome David Wells this morning and are grateful for his willingness to share his gift with us.

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our praise team for leading us in worship.

**NEXT Sunday – January 8** — We will have an 8:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) and a 10:30 a.m. Worship celebration (Sanctuary).

**NEXT Sunday** – The Christmas decorations will be taken down following the 10:30 worship service.