



**Westminster Presbyterian Church PC (USA)
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please enter the sanctuary prepared
to prayerfully experience the presence of God.*

God Brings Us Together and Encounters Us ...

**January 6, 2019
9:30 AM**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW

2:1-12

**The Epiphany
of the Lord**



Prelude

Julian Gilder

Welcoming Hymn #399 *“God Welcomes All”*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We have seen a star in the East!
God is with us. Light has come!
We have heard the songs of the angels.
God is with us. Love has come!
Now we follow the light into the world.
God is with us. Christ has come!

***Opening Hymn #151** *“We Three Kings”*

...Transforms Our Hearts and Minds ...

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

God of light, shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of your presence in the darkest places:

the places where it seems impossible for a candle to hold its flame.

Move us to know the light of your Spirit in the brightest places:

the places where neon signs, LED headlights, and fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding.

Move us to notice the light of your love in the loudest places:

the places where the chaos and cacophony demand all of our attention.

Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in your good news.

Move us to see you, to hear you, to feel your warmth.

May we know the light, and may we never fear the darkness.

For it was in the void of darkness that you formed the world,

and it was in the dark of night that you came as a child.

Response #598 *“Amen, We Praise Your Name o Lord”*

Sing Praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God! Sing Praises!

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Sing Praises! Amen, amen.

Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God! Sing Praises!

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

It is free and plentiful.

Friends, believe the Good News. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #150

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Offering of Food Items *(The children will collect the food items and bring them to the tubs near the pulpit)*

A Time for Children *(The children are invited to come forward at this time.)*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

(Please note the printed announcements)

Prayers of the People

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

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Matthew 2:1-12

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd

***Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts of Income**

Offertory Music

***Response Hymn #616** *“Our God is an Awesome God”* sing twice

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power and love; our God is an awesome God!**

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

***Parting Hymn #175**

“Seek Ye First”

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response #540** *“Shalom Chaverim”*

**Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! *Shalom, shalom!*
Till we meet again, till we meet again, *shalom, shalom.***

**.....and Leads Us Out to Be Witnesses to the Risen Christ,
to Rest and to Live Joyfully.**

Ministers	Each of Us	Pastor	Rev. Larry Green
Parish Associate	Rev. Dr. Ina Boyd	Liturgist	Sam Trickey
Greeter	Paul Carter	Refreshments	Carol Alderson
Nursery Assistant	Nancy A. Griffin	Nursery Worker	Katie Parrish
Clerk of Session	Linda Spurny	Treasurer	Helen McCune
Accompanist	Julian Gilder	Music Director	Dr. Will Kesling

NEWS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE....

We are glad that God has brought us together to worship. We invite everyone to enjoy refreshments, conversation and fellowship with us at 10:30am. We look forward to talking with you. The church belongs to Christ. We are a caring, inclusive, diverse church and welcome people of all races and nationalities, those struggling with addictions, rich and poor, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. Christ welcomes all, and so do we. *We are committed to lives of service to people in need and to changing the unfair systems that keeps them in need, and we invite you to join us in our ministries. Trust in Christ is the sole requirement for membership.* Anyone wishing to take this important step is cordially invited to contact the church office.

Children, even noisy children, are very welcome during worship.

A changing station, available to all, is located in our Nursery (room#1) and
In the 'family' bathroom in the back hallway.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use during worship.

Please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Large print bulletins/hymns are available. If needed, please ask a greeter for a copy .

TODAY:

Worship 9:30 • Refreshments 10:30-11:00

Sunday School 11:00 • Worship 11:00

Message from Pastor Larry

**Your presence here is a gift to us,
and we *thank you* for
worshiping with us today.**

I will be on vacation from December 25th through January 9, 2019. Contact the Elder of the Month or Rev. Boyd for any Pastoral needs during my absence.





NURSERY CARE is available for children birth—5 years old during **Worship through Sunday School**. (9:15am-12:15pm) Please register your children to ensure the best care for them.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and **WORSHIP BAGS** with activities are available on the Children's table in the Dickson foyer. **At home go to games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the secret code for the week to unlock games related to this weeks Scripture readings.** **Ages 3+ is Q19237 & 7+ is HKW531.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN during worship provides a way for children to become more involved in the service. All children are invited and encouraged to come forward at this time or they can remain seated with their families.

Sunday School Classes for Elementary age children will meet in Classroom #2.

Middle & High School age will meet in the Community Building.

Adult Seminar I meets in **Classroom #3** and will study *Sabbath as Resistance* by Walker Brueggemann. Don Eitzman is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar II meets in the **Community Building**. This is an interactive opportunity open to anyone who wants to extend their understanding of the scripture and sermon in today's worship service. Paul Carter is the discussion leader.

Adult Seminar III meets in **Classroom #4** and will discuss the Advent Devotional based on Mary's Song of Praise, "God Lifts the Lowly." (Copies available) Gwen Lombard is the discussion Leader.

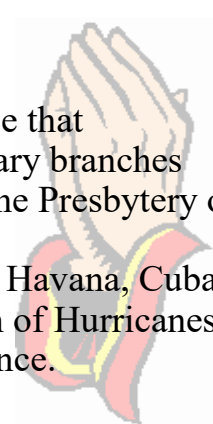


In Our Thoughts and Prayers



- Sheri Baker
- Bruna(friend of Wayne & Nancy Griffin)
- Lina Colondres & Family
- **Jean Combs**
- Steve & Cheryl Ferguson's grandson, Wyatt
- Jonathan Gil
- Lee & Martha Johnson
- Rev. Charles Landreth
- Lori Nason
- Brenda Robinson
- Frank Townsend

- Elizabeth Walker
- All students
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- Missionaries from the Presbytery of St. Augustine
- Our sister church in Havana, Cuba
- All those in the path of Hurrricanes, fires and acts of violence.



TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

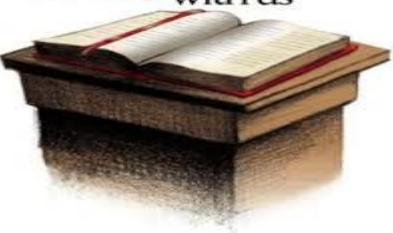
The Alachua Consort – Mediterranean Soundings Concert

Sunday, January 6, 2019, 4:00 PM

at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1521 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua Consort (Annemieke Pronker-Coron, violin, John Netardus, oboe, and Miriam Zach, organ) will perform a concert *Mediterranean Soundings* in honor of Michel Lynch. The ensemble will perform music by Ortiz, Escobar, Galilei, Leonarda, Gabrieli, Albinoni, Vivaldi and Cima. The Alachua Consort is a group of musicians from North Central Florida that specializes in chamber music of the Baroque era. (Admission is free. Donations to WPC welcome)

For more information regarding The Alachua Consort please visit: <http://www.alachuaconsort.com/> and <http://annemiekecoron.com/thealachuaconsort.html>



Study the Bible with us

each Tuesday, at
10:30 am
in Classroom #3

each Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
and Sunday mornings at 9:00am



Choir Practice

Because of scheduling conflicts with some attendees as well as the venue, the quarterly meeting of the Worship Committee will be moved to **Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30 PM**, immediately following choir practice.

Cold outside? Spiritually cold inside? Come to the monthly **Gathering of Presbyterian Women**, and get warm feelings from God, and your Sisters in Christ, that will last you throughout the rest of the month! We will gather together monthly every second Wednesday, starting Wednesday, January 9th, at 2:00 p.m., at the church, **Or** every second Thursday evening, starting Thursday, January 10th, at my house. 2617 NW 19th Way (1/2 mile east of the church) We will be using the Horizons Bible Study Guide, titled; "*God's Promise I Am With You*". Study guides will be available at the gathering. **Moderator: Daryl Mullee Ph.# 352 372-6166** Bring a friend! They don't even have to be Presbyterian to join us!

Pastor's Coffee Hour: each **Thursday** from **9-10am** at the Coffee Culture (2020 NW 13th St). Stop by and spend some time chatting about anything you'd like. No appointment is necessary, just stop by and get a cup of coffee.

Everyone Welcome!



The next **Bible and Brew** will be on **Thursday, Jan. 10th** from 7pm – 9pm at **The Midnight** and all are welcome to join us as we discuss various theological issues.

Adult Seminar 3 will begin studying "*The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbably Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire*" by Alan Kreider on **January 13, 2019**. What enabled Christianity to be so successful that, by the fifth century it was the establish religion of the empire? What message does this book have for the church today? If you are interested in learning about the early history of the church, please contact Gwen Lombard or Gail to order the book.

The **Administration Committee** will meet at noon on **Sunday, January 13th** in Classroom #4

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Sunday, January 13th at noon**.

The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on **Sunday, January 13th** in the Community Building

The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 16th @ 4:30pm** in the Dickson Foyer

Earth Care Ministry Team will meet on **Sunday, January 20th** at 6:45 pm at the **Hostetler's** residence..

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet at 7:30 pm on **Tuesday, January 22nd @ 7pm** in Classroom #3.

The **Worship Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** at 7:30pm in Classroom #3

Birthdays of the Month

Alexa Parkins	01/09
Carl Henriksen	01/10
Russ Crowder	01/18
Deanna Henriksen	01/21
Barry Nason	01/24
Jacob Carter	01/28
Linda Clary	01/28
Luther Pierce	01/28
Nancy Hult	01/29
Scott Noh	01/30

Visitation Ministry

Congregational Care – If you or someone in the congregation would like a visit or phone call from the Pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, one of the Elders, or contact the Church Office. If you are ill or aware of someone else that is ill, please contact the church office or the Congregational Care Committee (CCC) representative for the month. The CCC members will handle the following parish nurse responsibilities for a short term need following surgery, traumatic event or birth: resource for transportation to medical appointments when feasible and appropriate, medical equipment loan outs, provision of meals, and general emotional support.

Congregational Care Comm. Representatives

January

Barbara Scott @ 372-7191
Lynne Webster @ 281-4790

Elder of the Month for January is

Linda Spurny @ 301-979-2415

Please contact the Elder regarding emergencies in the absence of the pastor.



- Sun 06** Family Promise Week begins
 • Worship Service @ 9:30am
 • Sunday School @ 11:00am
 • Worship Service @ 11:00 am
 • **Ala Consort Concert @ 4pm**
- Tues 08** Bible Study @ 10:30 am
- Wed 09** Choir Practice @ 6:00pm
- Thur 10** Coffee Hour @ 9:00am
 • Bible & Brew @ 7pm
- Sun 13** Worship Service @ 9:30am
 • Sunday School @ 11:00am
 • Worship Service @ 11:00 am
 • **Admin. Comm Mtg @ 12**
 • **B & G Comm Mtg @ 12**
 • **Stated Session Mtg @ 6:00 pm**
- Tues 15** Bible Study @ 10:30 am
- Wed 16** **CCC Meeting @ 4:30pm**
 • Choir Practice @ 6:00pm
- Thur 17** Coffee Hour @ 9:00am
- Sun 20** Worship Service @ 9:30am
 • Sunday School @ 11:00am
 • Worship Service @ 11:00 am
 • **Earth Care Team @ 6:45pm**
- Tues 22** Bible Study @ 10:30 am
 • **CE Comm Mtg @ 7pm**
- Wed 23** Choir Practice @ 6:00pm
 • **Worship Comm. @ 7:30pm**
- Thur 24** Coffee Hour @ 9:00am



My On-line Giving
<http://www.wpcgainesville.org>

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