

# LARGE PRINT WORSHIP GUIDE

DECEMBER 29, 2019

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Three Settings of "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"

## INTROIT(9:30 & 11 A.M.)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Dan Forrest

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT WREATH

One: If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking truth,

All: **Come. There is room here for you.**

One: If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,

All: **Come. There is a seat here for you.**

One: If you are like the magi, looking for a sign,

All: **Come. These candles are here for you.**

One: If you are like the angels, and you have a song to sing,

All: **Come. There is a melody here for you.**

One: You are in God's house, so come in from the cold. Love was born for you.

All: **Let us worship God.**

## \*HYMN 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the manger and God of today, we confess that we are only one week from Christmas, and already we are losing our way. We have forgotten what it means to be brave like Joseph and strong like Mary. We have forgotten the faith of the Magi who walked for days, following a star. We have forgotten the sound of angel choruses. It is easy to do. Forgive our easily distracted hearts, and guide us home by another way; a way of grace, mercy and conviction. With hope we pray, Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Rev. Sarah Are

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As Christians, we believe in a God who creates all things: people, religions, languages, beauty, and every color in the rainbow. As Christians, we believe in a God who becomes flesh, is born in a stable, a refugee with no where to lay his head. As Christians, we believe in a God who fills us with the courage to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and love the foreigner because we were foreigners in the land of Egypt. This is who we are as Christians: people created to love, to welcome the stranger, and to walk, hand in hand with all God's people, through God's starry night and into the dawn.

## HYMN 123

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

CAROL

## OFFERTORY

*O Holy Night*

Johnnie Christian and Andrew Winkelmann, duet

Adam/arr. Deis

## \*HYMN 150 (VERSE 3)

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **\*HYMN 132**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **RECESSIONAL**

Toccata on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Garth Edmundson

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Today's preacher is Rev. Sarah Are. Artist-in-Residence Bradley Hunter Welch is our organist.

Next week's preacher is Rev. Mark Brainerd.

## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Barger, Mina and Chapman families in loving memory of Ed Barger.



Rev. Matthew Ruffner  
Senior Pastor



Rev. Sarah Johnson  
Senior Associate  
Pastor for Adult  
Learning and  
Engagement



Rev. Mark Brainerd  
Senior Associate Pastor  
for Congregational  
Care and Administration



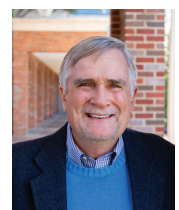
Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell  
Associate Pastor for  
Mission and Outreach



Rev. Sarah Are  
Associate Pastor  
for Youth and  
Young Adults



Rev. Dr. Bob Poteet  
Parish Associate



Rev. Dr. John Roper  
Parish Associate

## CONNECT

**Officer Nominations:** Ballots are available for your nominations for Elder and Deacon. You can fill out the ballot in the Atrium or go online to [phpc.org/nominate](https://phpc.org/nominate)

**Flower Dedications:** There are open dates to sponsor flowers in the Chapel services in January. The cost is \$50 for one arrangement and \$75 for both arrangements. Contact Allison Cochran, [acochran@phpc.org](mailto:acochran@phpc.org) or 214-368-6348 x117.

**Starting Point Sunday** – our next Starting Point class for prospective new members will be **January 12**. Register at [phpc.org/join](https://phpc.org/join). Questions? Contact Allison Cochran, [acochran@phpc.org](mailto:acochran@phpc.org) or 214-368-6348 x117.

**Thursday Musikgarten** Registration is open for this spring's Thursday morning Musikgarten class! The class is open to children ages 15 months – 3.5 years and their parents/caregivers. Our spring theme, On A Trip, is all about exploring! Registration and info at [phpc.org/musikgarten](https://phpc.org/musikgarten)

## LEARN

**Marriage Enrichment: The Path Between Us**  
**January 5 – February 9** on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Jubilee Hall B. Led by Rev. Caroline Braskamp. As this new year begins, invest in yourself and your marriage through this six-week series. Join us in learning about the Enneagram, an ancient tool for understanding motivation, behavior, and experience. We'll be working through Suzanne Stabile's *The Path Between Us Study Guide* for 6 weeks, which is based on the book *The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships*. Please plan to purchase the book and study guide ahead of the class. (Go to [phpc.org/adultlearning](https://phpc.org/adultlearning) to purchase) Contact Rev. Caroline Braskamp, [ccbraskamp@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbraskamp@yahoo.com)

## Thursday Morning Book Study

**January 9 – February 13** from 7 – 8 a.m. at Panera Bread, 7839 Park Ln. Led by Rev. Mark Brainerd. This weekly morning book study will focus on *Our Better Angels: Seven Simple Virtues That Will Change Your Life and the World*, by Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity. Contact Tammy Hale at [thale@phpc.org](mailto:thale@phpc.org)

## Information Sessions: The Sandwich Generation

On January 23 and 30, the Senior Source will host "Insights, Challenges and Preparations to Consider when Helping the Senior Adults in Your Life" and "Having the Talk" (end-of-life plans, safety issues, caregiving) Register at [phpc.org/adultlearning](https://phpc.org/adultlearning)

## SERVE

Support our Epiphany Ministry: Join our Epiphany Ministry Volunteer Team in providing a space for worship and care for adults living with special needs and their families. Our program includes Sunday school, life & arts, and service opportunities on Sundays between 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteer for one or more hours and discover the joy of Epiphany. Contact Brian Spann, [bspann@phpc.org](mailto:bspann@phpc.org), ext. 132.

## GIVE

**Commit 2020:** During Commit we pledge our financial estimates of giving to support the mission and ministry of the church for the year ahead. You can use the pledge card located in your pews, or visit [phpc.org/give](https://phpc.org/give)