

The United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our
Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*

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January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:15am

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have a supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on both the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider United Church of Christ of Robesonia. For more information about our church, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information...

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♪# = Red Hymnal Page; ♪# = Blue Hymnal Page}*



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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you.}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ⑩ (Unison)

God of holiness and brightness, may your brilliant light shine upon us and through us so we may not only reflect your living light but magnify it. In the name of Jesus we shine. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Ring My Praise To Thee"
Handbell Choir

by Howard Starks

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 27)*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: whom then shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face."

People: Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for
God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace,
hear the assurance of our forgiveness,
and then give God our thanks and praise.*

*CALL TO CONFESSION ⑩ (Leader)

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you.

*CONFESSION OF SIN ⑩ (Unison)

Lord of light, how often we let ourselves fall into darkness, or something pushes us into the dimness of a world that is claimed by Satan. Instead, we can lift our eyes to your face, to the brightness that is possible for each of us. We can welcome the warmth and brilliance of your love. We can rejoice in the coolness of freedom from sin that the power of the cross has provided. We seek that power on our lives now. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*SUNG PRAYER FOR MERCY "Lord, Thy Mercy, Now Entreating"

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**Lord, Thy mercy now entreating,
Low before Thy throne we fall;
Our misdeeds to Thee confessing.
On Thy name we humbly call.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader)

We are free! We are in the light! God's power is with us. Let us walk in the light of God, spreading contentment and delight. **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE ⑩

Leader: May the glory of God shine through us!

People: May we live as though on fire for the Lord!

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**

{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [Isaiah 9:1-4](#)
Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 1:10-18](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: [Matthew 4:12-23](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

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MINI-MESSAGE

CONGREGATION SINGS

"Jesus Loves Me"

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**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.**

SERMON

"Being Called To The Light"

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned
more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving
of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

{Those who are able please rise}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from the UCC Statement of Faith (Unison)

(Section One about God)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,

create persons in your own image,

and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through
prophets and apostles.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

{Please be seated}

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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George Whelpton

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Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION ⑩

Leader: We can give our cash, our checks, our credit cards.

People: We can give our time to help each other and others.

Leader: We can give our time to participate in Bible Study,

People: in meetings, in serving meals, in listening.

Leader: Listening to each other and listening to God.

People: Lead us God with your holy light!

CHORAL OFFERTORY

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to United Church of Christ of Robesonia; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

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**We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ⑩ (*Leader*)

Always-listening God, always-shining God, our gratefulness is made manifest in our gifts for your kingdom. We yearn for your guidance in the giving of our tithes and offerings. We seek your wisdom in the use of these gifts. May these gifts magnify your light for the world. In the holy name of Jesus we pray.

All: Amen.

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ⑩

Leader: It is time once again to leave this building.

People: Our hearts have been replenished with the light and love of God.

Leader: May this light and love explode as we take the step into the world.

People: Let's not forget the message of the cross.

Leader: More and more people could be saved by the power of the cross.

People: Help us to care enough to use our voices.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

Join Us For Fellowship and Food in Miller Fellowship Hall

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Password (for both): iamheretoseve



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Epiphany - Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world. In Greek “phan” is “shine” or “manifest,” and “epi” is “upon.” The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green- symbolizing this season of mission - the incarnate Christ has been made manifest to us on Epiphany and we are to go into the world and share his Good News.

Sunday, January 22nd- Lectionary Reading for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Isaiah

The book of Isaiah (OT) is attributed to three prophets. The first of whom is from where the book gets its name, and is about Isaiah’s call to become a prophet and his prophecy that Jerusalem will face God’s judgement regarding its immorality in order to be God’s Holy City (chaps. 1-39, written 738-688 B.C.), the second is about living in exile in Babylon (chaps. 40-55, written 597-539 B.C.), and the third is about the return from exile to Judah and the rebuilding of the Temple (chaps. 56-66, written 520-515 B.C.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct.

Psalm 27

This is an OT song expressing trust in God to help, especially in times when one is being falsely accused. This song is attributed to the authorship of King David.

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 53-54 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is in response to issues within the Corinthian church, in particular factions caused by one-upmanship and privatization of faith. Paul encourages humility, unity within diversity, and witnessing to God’s grace. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to Matthew


Matthew’s Gospel was written around 80-90 A.D. in Antioch, Syria by a Greek-speaking Jewish Christian. The first writing was probably by a Christian scribe who wrote in the name of Matthew. Matthew was a disciple who knew Jesus personally.

Next Sunday, January 29th- Lectionary Reading for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12


Arise, Your Light Is Come! 231

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1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D#m7(b5) E $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Esus E7 A



forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken-heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947-)
 MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

FESTAL SONG
 S.M.

230 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D Bm F#m D6 E A D G $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heaven - ly bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in
 3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love

A Esus E7 A D G A $\frac{G}{B}$ D $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A7 D

own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D Bm F#m D6 E A D G $\frac{A7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -
 He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to

A $\frac{Bm7}{D}$ E7 A D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 D Asus A7 D

ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 that hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

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 Irregular

A C# D A Bm Em D A D A7 D A B F#
 C# G F# G C# F#

You are ho - ly— fair and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious,
 Je - sus, Je - sus— now pos - sess us, turn and bless us!
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness,

Em Bm Em7 A7 D Bm F# G F#m A7 D Em7 A7 D
 G A C# G A C# G

rich in bless - ing, rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 Here in sad - ness eye and heart long for your glad - ness!
 we are yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 248

Db
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Ab
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Bbm
Gb
 $\frac{Db}{F}$
Fm

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

$\frac{Eb7}{Gb}$
Ab7
Bbm
Gb
Db
 $\frac{Ab7}{Eb}$
Fm
Fm7
Gb
Ab
 $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$
Ab

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

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 $\frac{Ab}{C}$
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Eb
Ab
Db
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Gb
 $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$
 $\frac{Db}{F}$
Gb

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Db
Ab
Bbm
 $\frac{Ab}{C}$
Dbsus
Db
 $\frac{Ab}{C}$
Bbm
 $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$
Ab
Eb7
 $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

$\frac{Db}{F}$
Fm
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Bbm
Eb
Ab
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Bbm
 $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$
Ab
Bbm
Gb
Ab7
Db

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.