

# SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN



INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO A FAITHFUL WAY OF LIFE IN CHRIST AND IN COMMUNITY

## Service for the Lord's Day

January 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### GATHERING WORDS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*A New Year's Reflection*

R. Powell

#### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come. Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

**May justice water the earth like a shower; let righteousness and peace abound.**

Receive again the promises of the gospel. Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

**God's ways are being revealed to us today.**

**Let us worship God.**

#### ✠ HYMN No. 151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*  
stanzas 1-2, 5

KINGS OF ORIENT

#### ✠ CALL TO CONFESSION

#### ✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us and then look down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own. We judge the poor and join their oppressors, while you call us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to yourself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ✠ KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

. . . in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

#### ✠ RESPONSE

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.

GLORIA PATRI

#### PARISH LIFE

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM

*The Birthday of a King*  
Nicole Freitag, soprano

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children will remain in worship following the Children's Message.  
Ages Kindergarten and under are welcome in the Nursery.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

John M. Semmes

### MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

### ‡HYMN No. 152

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### ‡AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

### CALL FOR OFFERTORY

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*Gesù Bambino*  
Anna Floyd, soprano

—P. Yon

### ‡DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDETH

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ‡PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

‡HYMN No. 159

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

KINGSFOLD

‡CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*The Thankful Heart Rejoices*

—L. Smith

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**This church welcomes you** no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

**For all who gather** in worship and fellowship, please sign the Friendship Pad and include your street address, telephone number, and email address.

**Our liturgist** this morning is Catherine Foster, Associate Pastor for mission and discipleship.

**The flowers in worship** are a gift from Judy Hemenway in loving memory of George R Hemenway.

**The Faithful One Campaign continues!** As a symbol of our trust in God, we ask each church member to place one extra dollar a week in the offering plate. In 2018, Shallowford's Faithful Ones contributed over \$23,700 to our 2018 operating fund, supporting our ministries and showing trust in God's abiding love and care. Give faithfully and with a faithful attitude...and each "faithful (one) will be richly blessed."

**Child Care is available during both services** in the nursery. From the atrium, enter the nursery through the double doors to the right of the Sanctuary. **Worship clipboards for children** are available in the Atrium.

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January 6 – January 13

Sunday, January 6 Epiphany Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. First Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Kick Off
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 7

- 7:00 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday, January 8

- 9:30 a.m. MOMTourage
- 10:00 a.m. RoadRunners: Fernbank IMAX Theater
- 10:00 a.m. Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. Multi-Family Addiction Support Group

Wednesday, January 9

- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Mindfulness Class
- 5:15 p.m. Westminster Bell Choir (grades 3-5)
- 5:15 p.m. Trinity Choir (grades 1-2)
- 6:00 p.m. Safety & Operations Advisory Committee
- 6:30 p.m. SOS Sisters Circle
- 6:30 p.m. Shallowford Bell Choir (grades 6-12)
- 6:30 p.m. Westminster Choir (grades 3-5)
- 6:30 p.m. NAMI Connection
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Fitness, Fun & Fellowship
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (adults)

Friday, January 11

- Church Office Closed
- 6:30 a.m. High School Breakfast

Sunday, January 13 Baptism of the Lord

- 8:45 a.m. First Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Cherub Choir (ages 3-K)
- 12:00 p.m. Churchwide Lunch
- 4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (grades 6-12)

WORSHIP ON JANUARY 13  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PREACHING

Laura H. Jernigan

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

MUSIC

Chancel Choir



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