



*The People of God in Worship*  
*January 6, 2019*  
*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Epiphany Sunday*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsse

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

**THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

**THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 60) (remain seated)

Georgeann Snead

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people;

**People: But the Lord will arise upon you, and the glory of the Lord be seen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**People: We lift up our eyes and see, for the Lord is our everlasting light, and God will be our glory.**

Leader: And you will be a righteous people, your days of mourning will be at an end.

**All: The Lord is our everlasting light, and God will be our glory.**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Georgeann Snead and The Community

*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.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Georgeann Snead

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Matthew 3:13-17

Georgeann Snead

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*The Child Grew Strong*

Joseph M. Martin

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY,  
THE MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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 trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 460 (remain seated)**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Georgeann Snead

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*The Rhythm of Faith*

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: And also with you!

**\*HYMN No. 426**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon and the prayer list are in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship currently endorses more than 750 active chaplains and pastoral counselors serving in a variety of specialized settings. As they minister to patients, clients, soldiers, students, and prisoners, they are fulfilling, on our behalf, a vital ministry. Your mission gift supports this and many other expressions of the outreach of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Please join me in prayer.

*We uphold the chaplains and pastoral counselors who serve as the presence of Christ throughout the world and in the most traumatic times in people's lives. We join with other Cooperative Baptists in this and other collaborations of ministry. Amen.*