

COMMUNITY TABLE--“To know even one life has breathed easier because you have” treated him with kindness “this is to have succeeded.” Ralph Waldo Emerson. Helping with The Community Table is one way to show your neighbor kindness and January 13th is our next opportunity to volunteer. Sign-up in Murray Hall or contact Liz Gordon at saddleup4travel@comcast.net



Jan. 16

Fellowship Dinner with Comfort Food

Jan. 30

Casseroles for Dinner

Project Horizon presentation

Dinner at 5:45; Presentation at 6:30.

Cost is \$8 per person or \$20 per family

Sign-up sheets are outside the office
or email kkennedy@lexpres.org

MUSIC NOTES

Choir Music: Today the choir sings from the song liturgy of the Iona Community in Scotland. These pieces, published in 1987, were part of the first offering of songs by John Bell (b. 1949), pastor, musician, and spiritual muse of the Community’s work worldwide, and his close friend and colleague, Graham Maule (b. 1958), who died last Sunday, December 29, 2019. These two, with their colleagues in the Wild Goose Worship Group (liturgical creators in the work of the Iona Community), have produced a substantial and rich body of texts for services and songs, ably set to music by Bell using his own compositions and folk and other melodies from around the world. Our singing today pays homage to the genius and ground-breaking courage of Graham Maule. Words below: ©1987, The Iona Community. Reprinted with permission OneLicense.net A-717842

The **choral call to worship**, using an ancient Latin hymn, adds verses in English. The choir’s text:

Hodie Christus natus est. Gloria in excelsis; pax in terris.

[=Today is Christ born. Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth.]

Wanted and unwanted, Spoken and unsaid,

Christ the Word incarnate, Finds, near us, his bed.

Centuries thereafter Christ still comes again;

Comes with threat and promise Now as much as then.

The **anthem** is a powerful paraphrase of the Prologue of John’s Gospel, celebrates that the creation of the world was and is rooted in the will and Word of God. The text:

Before the world began, One Word was there;

Grounded in God he was, Rooted in care;

By him all things were made, In him was love displayed;

Through him God spoke, and Said, “I AM FOR YOU.”

*Life found in him its source, Death found its end;
Light found in him its course, Darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt Nor darkness can put out
The glow of God, the shout, “I AM FOR YOU.”*

*The Word was in the world, Which from him came;
Unrecognized he was, Unknown by name;
One with all humankind, With the unloved aligned,
Convincing sight and mind, “I AM FOR YOU.”*

*All who received the Word By God were blessed.
Sisters and brothers they Of earth’s fond guest.
So did the Word of Grace Proclaim in time and space
And with a human face, “I AM FOR YOU.”*

The closing **choral response** is taken from another song including paraphrase of, and response to, John 1. The choir’s text:

The Word was with God I the beginning; Through him we were created.

By him all things were made.

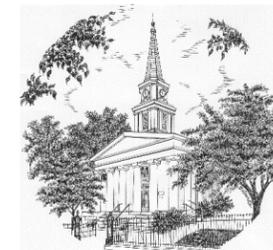
Then praise the Word, softer than silence,

And praise the word, stronger than violence.

Rejoice that in the body Christ the Word is known!

Congregational Hymns: The text of “**O Jesus, I Have Promised**” was written by the Anglican priest, John Ernest Bode (1816-1874) for his children’s confirmation. The tune (“Angel’s Story”) was composed by Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) during his long tenure (1876-1929) as organist and choirmaster of King’s College, Cambridge. The choir’s descant is by William McCorkle. At the children’s time we sing the well-loved “**We Three Kings of Orient Are.**” Both the text and music of this hymn were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), an Episcopal priest who became the first professor of church music at General Theological Seminary (NYC). “**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**” is a medieval (German) carol from the fourteenth century, with the original text employing both German and Latin throughout. The English text (1853) is by the English scholar/priest, John Mason Neale (1818-1866), one of the greatest translators of Latin, Greek, and other texts into English. The tune (“In dulci jubilo”) is a 14th-century German folk melody, first published in a 1th-century German hymnal. “**On This Day Earth Shall Ring**” is from the important Reformation collection from Scandinavia, the *Piae Cantiones* (1582). We sing the translation by the English musician, Jane Marion Joseph (1894-1929). The tune (“Personent Hodie”), also from *Piae Cantiones* (1582), was arranged by the English musician, Gustav Holst (1874-1934). The choir’s descant is by William McCorkle.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and postlude, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), are based on the melody of one of today’s congregational hymns (see Hymn 132). The **prelude** (BWV751) presents the hymn in a gentle, pastoral mood. The **postlude** (BWV729) presents the hymn, phrase by phrase, in bold majesty, lapsing into wild improvisatory interludes between the phrases. Bach’s playing of hymns in this fashion for congregational singing may have contributed to his termination as organist at Arnstadt early in his career. BWV – Bach Werke Verzeichnis [=Bach Works Catalogue] a numbered listing of Bach’s compositions (compiled in 1950).



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
5 January 2020
11:00 AM

Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices before worship begins.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (BWV 751)

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 147 (Stephen Mitchell)

How sweet to sing to you, Lord,
and to thank you for all your blessings.

*You rebuild what has been ruined and
recreate what was lost.*

You heal the brokenhearted; you are
medicine for their wounds.

*You lift up the afflicted and give them
the courage to endure.*

But most, you rejoice in a pure heart and in those who let you
shine through them.

*You give them joy in your joy,
and you bless their loves with your love.*

You send your wisdom to their minds;
your light runs faster than a thought.

*Above all others they are blessed, because they can hear
you speak, though your love speaks in all people, in the
silence of every heart.*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Hodie

John Bell & Graham Maule

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

✦ Congregation Affirmation (responsive)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions for those to be Ordained and Installed

Ordination Prayer

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace. *Thanks be to God.*

The Peace (responsive)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *I Am for You*

John Bell & Graham Maule

✦ Doxology (sung)

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.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn 151 (sung seated)

Children's Time

We Three Kings of Orient Are

4¢-A-MEAL Offering

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-5

NT (p. 86)

John 14:1

NT (p. 102)

SERMON

Belief and Trust

William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION (A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.)

✦ HYMN 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

✦ BLESSING IN WORD (A departing blessing)

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Word

John Bell & Graham Maule

✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC (During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning final prayers.)

Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 729) Johann Sebastian Bach

All are invited and encouraged to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

✦ Those who are able may stand.

Assisting with worship leadership this morning is Kelly-Ann Rayle, Parish Associate for Christian Education and Youth.

This morning seven **Ruling Elders** in the Class of 2022 and one Ruling Elder in the Class of 2021 will be ordained and/or installed to office. Sabrina Coffey will be ordained and installed. Gregg Amonette, Mac Baker, Kevin Burke, David Hawkins, Jason Melvin, Sandy Nye, and Poppy Orendorf will be installed (having previously been ordained). David Hawkins will be filling a two-year unexpired term in the Class of 2021.

This evening you are invited to attend our monthly **Wholeness and Healing Service** at 5:00 p.m. This 45-minute service is held each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend...spread the word.

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15, after the final worship service.

CHURCH CALENDAR, January 5-12

TODAY	Noon	College Brunch
	12:30	Youth Lunch & RARA Mission
	5:00	Wholeness & Healing Service
MONDAY		<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
TUESDAY	10:00	Lectio Divina
	3:30	Adult SubCommittee
	3:45	Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY	4:00	Youth "Chat Time" at Pronto Cafe
	4:30	Administrative Council
	7:00	Leah Circle
THURSDAY	Noon	Ruth Circle
SUNDAY 1/12		<i>Baptism of the Lord & Communion</i>
	8:45 & 11	Worship
	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Sunday School
	3:00	Rockbridge Chorus Concert
	5:30	Youth Group Fellowship
	7:00	Lam Handbell Choir

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Offering envelopes for those who requested them are available for 2020 in the Connector.