

Christ ✠ Church



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:00 AM

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We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold.

When praying #togetherapart we recommend that you: sing the songs and say the responses out loud. We invite you to move your body to set your intention at different parts, and we include the directions for sitting and standing which are 'as you are able' and willing, because we welcome you just as you are. Use the white space of the bulletin to make doodles. Circle words that leap out at you. We also suggest that you make a home altar space somewhere near the screen you watch on, or near your telephone.

We are currently sharing the classic practice of Morning Prayer as the heart of our life together. The video of this service is available as soon as Friday on our YouTube channel (CCRP Learning and Info). All are invited to share the experience together on Facebook live on Sunday mornings. We have a service of Holy Communion streaming on our YouTube channel on Sundays at 10am; this is also available for phone call in. The Sacrament is distributed at the rear Red doors from 11-11.30 am. Please mask and distance.

Regardless of how we continue in our mission, the church and its ministry continue while we are #togetherapart. If you would like to know more about Christ Church and how we practice the Christian faith in this time and place, we invite you to contact us.

Military Service:

U.S. Army	Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B.
U.S. Navy	Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R.
U.S. Air Force	David B., Tony G., Mark
U.S. Marine Corps	Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin
U.S.M.C. Reserve	Neil S., Rob
National Guard	Evan H., James R., Robert W.

First Responders: Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., Wayne M.

This Week's Prayers Requested For: Willard family, Gannons family

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Bill T., John L., Doug C., DePalma Family, Richard G., Melso Family, Peticca Family, Sue D, Amy, Kay, Doris, Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Michelle, Feilke family, Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Maye, Little Vincent.

Names will remain on the continuing prayer list for a four-week period.

PRELUDE

The People Who in Darkness Walked

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OPENING HYMN *The people who in darkness walked* (vs. 1,4,5) *Led by Robert Hand H 126*

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

OPENING SENTENCE

Extend your faithful love to those who know you; extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.

Psalm 36.10

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

VERSICLE

All stand

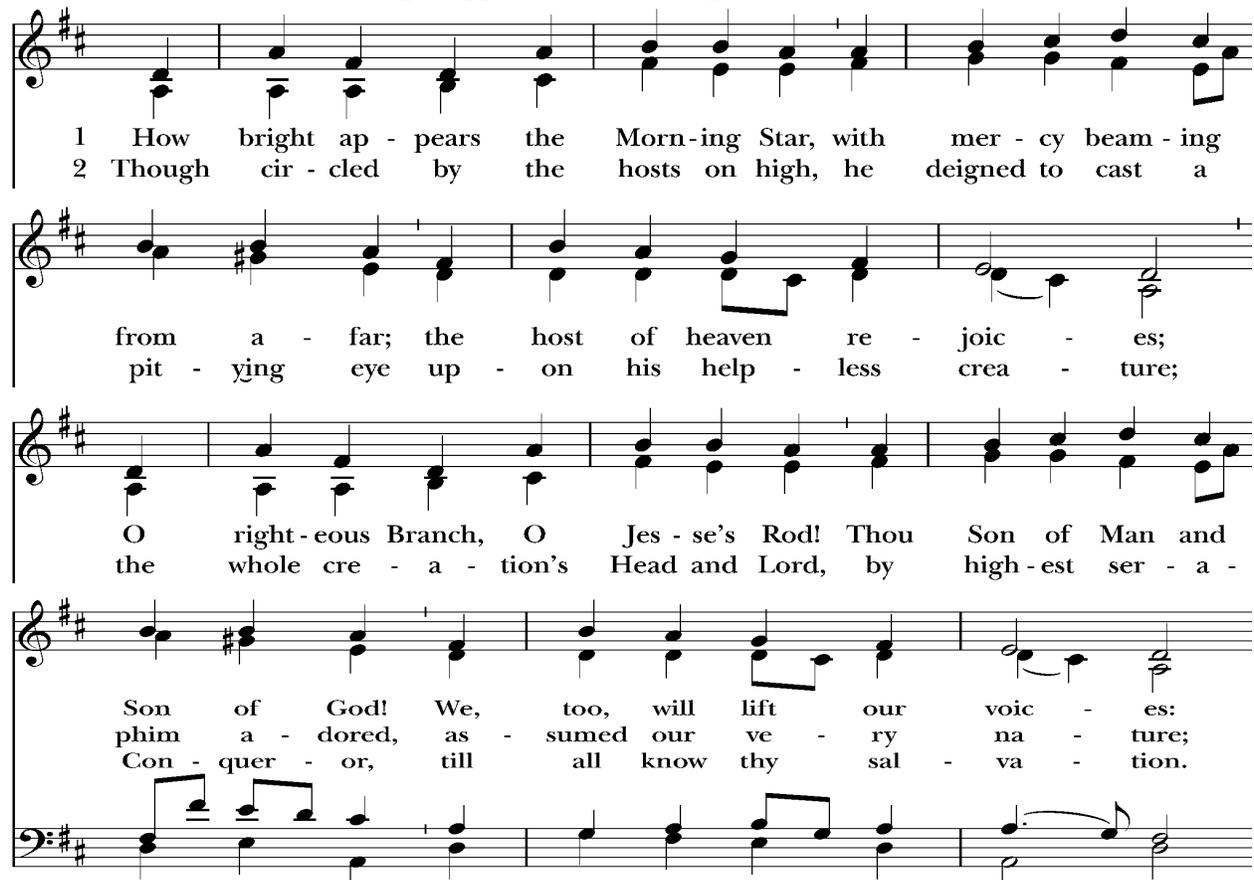
Presider Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

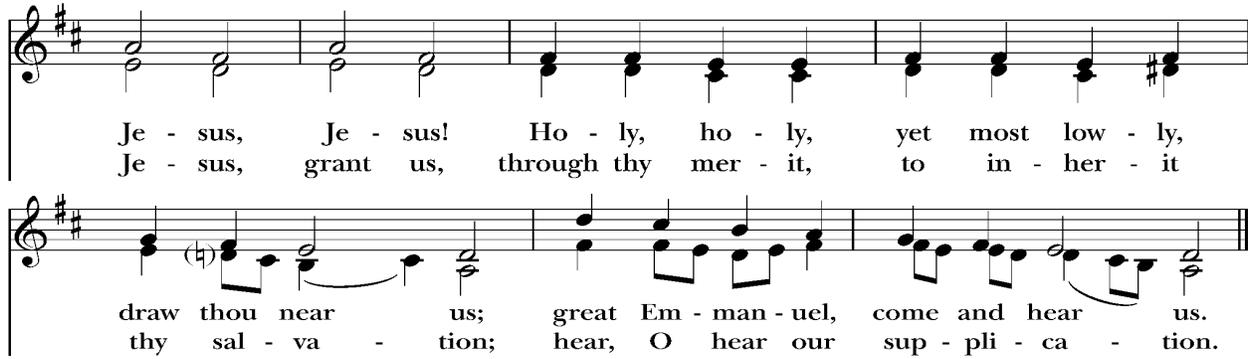
Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *How bright appears the morning star (vs. 2)* Virtual Choir H497



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

¹LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

²You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹²For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁴My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁶How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

¹⁷If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."]

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The people sit

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

⁴³Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider and People together, all standing.

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

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to our God whose Spirit breathes life into being, that through baptism we may be empowered as God's beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

- Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O Gracious One, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**
- Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**
- Let your prophets speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**
- Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, that we may be united in love, abounding in compassion, and proactive in peace. We bring to you today those serving in the military: (Military): *Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W.* And those who risk so much as First Responders: *Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Aaron K., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F.,*

Mitchell H., Wayne M. God shall give strength to the people. **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let the heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially *Doug C., Bill T., John L., Jeanne, DePalma Family, Richard G., Melso Family, Peticca Family, Sue D., Amy, Kay, Doris, Katharyn H., Maureen, Richard, Michelle, Feilke family, Jay S., Donna P., Sue S., Joyce M., Rebecca, Anna, Jack, Jane B., Nancy A., Cameron, Megan, Jessica, Donna, Maye, Little Vincent and all law enforcement officers and staff who were injured at the U.S. Capital this week.*

- Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your demonstration of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others, giving thanks especially for the waters that sustain us.

Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died, especially Paul Willard, Nancy Gannons that they may have a place in your eternal realms.

We pray for the souls of 1.9 million dead worldwide from the Coronavirus. May they rest in peace, and may we strive to reduce the devastation. *Silence.*

God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Presider: Gracious and loving God, you have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SECOND COLLECT

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THIRD COLLECT

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries these weeks, as they continue the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY REMINDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us with gladness present the offerings and gifts of our life to the Lord.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Alleluia, song of gladness* (vs. 1,3,4) Soloist, Julie Wickalnd H 122



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for ev - er - more
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er raised by choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther, all thy chil - dren sing with thee;
al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing, let us for a while give o'er,
at the last to keep thine Eas - ter with thy faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
as our Sa - vior in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.
there to thee for ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Presider and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I

stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947
 Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, John Weissrock
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FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Ascribe to God glory and strength and worship God in the beauty of holiness. The same God who proclaimed Jesus as the beloved has also made you God's beloved child; you are part of the goodness of God's wonderful creation. May the blessing of the One Holy and Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and nurture you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

1 John 1.3

CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church, Ridley Park, please send us an email:

office@christchurchridleypark.org.

Join our weekly e-newsletter by texting CCRPLOVE to 22828. The parish-wide emails will be in your inbox every Friday evening and have our most updated announcements and access to important links.

Red Door Communion Distribution- We are now be offering in-person communion after the 10am livestreamed Holy Eucharist service. After participating at home, you may come by the church **between 11-11:30pm** to receive communion outdoors at the rear of the nave, red doors. Please remain masked and social distanced from other households outside.

Pledge Envelopes- Your 2021 pledge envelopes are ready for pick-up! We are asking that households please stop by the church to pick-up envelopes during Office Hours or during Sunday communion distribution. If you will not be using your pledge envelopes this year because you are giving electronically online, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Dismantling Racism Youth Workshop with the Diocese of Pennsylvania- Youth 13+ are invited.

Reach out to Mackenzie for more information.

1/17- Zoom Guardian Information Meeting

2/20- Workshop Session 1 (10am-4pm)

3/6- Workshop Session 2 (10am - 4pm)

Spirit Week at CCRP, January 25-29: Engage in the theme of the week in your own creative way through clothing, arts, writing, or intentional time.

Monday- COLOR, Tuesday-LOVE, Wednesday-NATURE, Thursday- FEET, Friday- WATER

Quizzitch Game Night- January 31, 7pm on zoom. The congregational-wide competition is back again! This online quiz show is good for teams of all ages. Team up with your covid-pod & zoom-in together. One screen per-team with phone-in (audio or video) teammates welcome.

Annual Meeting- Packets will be available for pick up on January 24th during communion distribution, from 11-12pm. The first Sunday of February at 11am the meeting will be hosted on zoom (call-in option available) with voting online and by mail-in ballots. More info to come.

Livestreaming Assistant- If you are willing to be trained on how to work the streaming camera remote and broadcast the Sunday 10am service please contact Mackenzie.

Photo Scanning- Looking for tech-able persons to take home photos to scan and digitize for CCRP photo archives. On your own time and at your own pace.

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