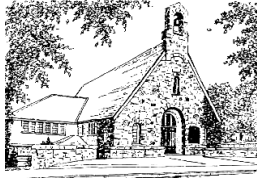


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## FROM THE PASTOR

*Reverend Stephen Vandergrift*

Dear Beloved,

Once again, the time we shared together as a congregation this Christmas and Advent season was truly a blessing for our church community. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make our services of worship, Breakfast with Santa, our Christmas Pageant, and our Christmas Eve service such rich and warm experiences. My prayer for each of you and your family, as we start this New Year, is that you are anticipating an abundance of blessings. Be assured, they will come.

Across this Advent season, we were invited to wait and watch anew for Emmanuel, God incarnate in the Christ child in our midst. We heard the scripture texts announcing, "The messiah is coming! Wait... watch...prepare the way of the Lord!"

I trust that you have indeed "prepared the way" for yourself and your family to receive and to share all the goodness God has given us that abounds around us. It is there! If you don't seem to be receiving it, then give it! Acts of kindness and goodness (both random and planned) are blessings in themselves for all that give them. Try it! Believe it!

I trust that the hustle and bustle of December did not overwhelm you, and that you are ready for January and the New Year. The Roman god for whom January is named, had two faces: one that looked behind to the past, and one that looked forward to the future. The God revealed in Jesus of Nazareth invites all of us to set aside the weight of the past, while remembering and cherishing its moments of goodness, and look forward to a future of new hope, trusting that God will continue to inspire within us that rebirth of wonder, which is the meaning of Christmas, a gift given to each of us.

Lots happening in January. Check out our website if you haven't already. There you will find among other things the church calendar.

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Steve*

**POINSETTIA PROJECT  
2018**



**Frank Puccia**-In memory of Rose, Carol and Chris Puccia

**The Gordon Family**-In memory of Ruth Gordon

**Michelle Paul**- In honor of Mark Paul Jr.

**Scott and Lindsey Yardley**-In memory of Evelyn Elizabeth Yardley

**Alice Aiguier**- In memory of Jack Aiguier

**Nancy and Ralph Jacobs**-In memory of Jane Griffin and Gail Freel, In honor of our grandsons

**The Wainwright Family**-In memory of loved ones

**Lois Peterson**- In memory of Peg Ferguson

**Brenda Meara**-In honor of Lois Peterson Ferguson

**Moe and Joe Flores**-In memory of Fred and Elaine Flores and Bill and Ruth Flynn

**Christine Keating**-In memory of Joe Cherico, Barbara Bertoni, Dave LaVangie, Beverly and Jack Reddington

**Carol and Cliff Hallett**-In memory of Gail Freel, Peggy Hicks and June Ferrand

**Pam Craig**-In memory of Gail, Tom, Lil, Bunny, Ruthie, Lois, Danny and Bo

**Cindy Milford**-In memory of Jack Aiguier, Mr. "Big Chick" Milford, Wayne Milford

**James Bassett**-In memory of Lois and Edith Bassett

**Karen Bishop**-In memory of Walter and Joyce Bishop, Mamie Stevenson, Peter, Alicia and Bill Corea, In honor of Paula Younie

**Alex, Luke and Jimmy Rheault**-In honor of Grammy and Pa

**Hockney Family**-In memory of John A. Nickerson and John M. Missale

**Shirley Pearson**-In Memory of Robert Pearson and Frank and Minnie Keith, In honor of James and Kaitlyn Pearson

**Beth Brown**-In memory of "Grandpa-Bill" Wilson

**Don Gamble**-In memory of Dick Kelly, Bob Gaura, Bobby Allen, Joe Nigro Jr., In honor of Friends of the Gambles and all Neckers

**Gayle and Jim Mackay**-In memory of Jessie Taylor, In honor of our grandchildren

**Ruth Gamble**-In memory of Connie and Ed McGuire, In honor of Barbara and Ed McGuire

**Rosemary Gaura**-In memory of Robert J. Gaura and Herbert and Marjorie Dunn

**In Honor of our musical director Steve Reed**

# 2019 BY THE SEA HOLIDAY FAIR

## WISH LIST, VOL. 1

Our ongoing collection of NEW items for the 2019 Fair begins **NOW!**

Think: resale, bling, gift baskets, and kids' prizes.

Perhaps you would like to **Gift-It-Forward:**

If you received a holiday gift that was a duplicate, wrong size or color, the last-pick in a yankee swap, or otherwise unneeded, please consider donating to the Fair.

Or, perhaps you are the **Ultimate Bargain Shopper:**

Scan those deep discount, after-Christmas sales! Remember that our fair will occur the week before Halloween and our shoppers will be interested in a variety of fall and winter items. Popular items include: lotions, candles, decorative plates, fuzzy socks, and more!

Bring your donations to church any Sunday. Label your donation "Church Fair" and Jill Hockney (or another Fair Elf) will load them up in our storage closet.

Thank you!



**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A SMILE, A CALL**  
**OR A CARD TO OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAY FOLKS!**

### January

- |    |                       |    |                    |
|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Carol Hallett         | 12 | Alex Rheault       |
| 3  | Ann Doyle             | 15 | Stephen Wainwright |
| 4  | Pamela Praetsch       |    |                    |
|    | Mikaela Sparks        | 18 | Dorothy Marrocco   |
|    | Gary Shaw             | 19 | Helen Miller       |
| 6  | Christine Keating     | 20 | Robert J. Craig    |
| 8  | Holly Bishop Anderson | 28 | Richard Trubiano   |
| 9  | Barbara Houston       |    | Robert Trubiano    |
| 11 | Richard Shaw          |    | Chad Hallett       |
|    |                       | 31 | Jim Hobbs          |
|    |                       |    | Christopher Murphy |

## SPIRITUAL QUOTES

*Joy is the serious business of Heaven.*

- C. S. Lewis

*The very moment earth's door closes and heaven's door opens - at that very moment - there will be an excited, joyful and exuberant reunion.*

- Paul P. Enns

*You are never left alone when you are alone with God.*

- Woodrow Kroll

*If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.*

- Robert Murray M'Cheyne

*Let God's promises shine on your problems.*

- Corrie ten Boom

*Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth.*

- Book of Common Prayer

As we prepare ourselves for the new year ahead, let us take to heart the words of the

English hymnist, Emily Elliot:

*Every day He sends us*

*He Himself prepares;*

*He himself attends us*

*Through its joys and cares;*

*His true love beseeching,*

*Let us, then, draw near;*

*Seeking guidance, teaching,*

*For the coming year.*



Anne Baxendale  
Linda DellaCroce  
Linda Beck  
Marie Blanchard  
Bob Craig  
Mary Giggey

Edward Duddy  
Elizabeth M. Orchard  
Sheena Giggey Curley  
Leah Davis  
Melissa Hughes  
Jane Neale

Martha Chase  
Jaime Toby  
Joan Kirby  
Beth Little  
Laurie Mulligan  
Kelly Stewart Cassier

Paula Younie  
John White  
Sandy White  
Eileen Menz



It's that time of year again for income tax for the calendar year 2018. If you are in need of a written form of what amount you gave to the church during the year for income tax purposes, please give your name to our financial secretary Shirley Pearson:

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## January 2019 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### Year 1

#### JANUARY

##### **Tuesday, January 1**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 99; 8  
Gen. 17:1–12a, 15–16  
Col. 2:6–12  
John 16:23b–30

##### **Wednesday, January 2**

Morning: Pss. 48; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 29  
Gen. 12:1–7  
Heb. 11:1–12  
John 6:35–42, 48–51

##### **Thursday, January 3**

Morning: Pss. 111;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 107; 15  
Gen. 28:10–22  
Heb. 11:13–22  
John 10:7–17

##### **Friday, January 4**

Morning: Pss. 20; 148  
Evening: Pss. 93; 97  
Exod. 3:1–5  
Heb. 11:23–31  
John 14:6–14

##### **Saturday, January 5**

Morning: Pss. 99; 149  
Evening: Pss. 96; 110  
Josh. 1:1–9  
Heb. 11:32–12:2  
John 15:1–16

##### **Sunday, January 6**

##### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 72; 150  
Evening: Pss. 100; 67  
Isa. 52:7–10  
Rev. 21:22–27  
Matt. 12:14–21

##### **Monday, January 7**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 52:3–6  
Rev. 2:1–7  
John 2:1–11

##### **Tuesday, January 8**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47; 146  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 59:15b–21  
Rev. 2:8–17  
John 4:46–54

##### **Wednesday, January 9**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 63:1–5  
Rev. 2:18–29  
John 5:1–15

##### **Thursday, January 10**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 65:1–9  
Rev. 3:1–6  
John 6:1–14

##### **Friday, January 11**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47;  
148  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 65:13–16  
Rev. 3:7–13  
John 6:15–27

##### **Saturday, January 12**

Morning: Pss. 46 or 97; 149  
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114  
Isa. 66:1–2, 22–23  
Rev. 3:14–22  
John 9:1–12, 35–38

##### **Sunday, January 13**

##### **Baptism of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150  
Evening: Pss. 29  
Isa. 40:1–11  
Heb. 1:1–12  
John 1:1–7, 19–20, 29–34

##### **Monday, January 14**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Isa. 40:12–24  
Eph. 1:1–14  
Mark 1:1–13

##### **Tuesday, January 15**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Isa. 40:25–31  
Eph. 1:15–23  
Mark 1:14–28

**Wednesday, January 16**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Isa. 41:1–16  
Eph. 2:1–10  
Mark 1:29–45

**Thursday, January 17**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
Isa. 41:17–29  
Eph. 2:11–22  
Mark 2:1–12

**Friday, January 18**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Isa. 42:(1–9) 10–17  
Eph. 3:1–13  
Mark 2:13–22

**Saturday, January 19**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Isa. (42:18–25) 43:1–13  
Eph. 3:14–21  
Mark 2:23–3:6

**Sunday, January 20**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Isa. 43:14–44:5  
Heb. 6:17–7:10  
John 4:27–42

**Monday, January 21**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Isa. 44:6–8, 21–23  
Eph. 4:1–16  
Mark 3:7–19a

**Tuesday, January 22**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Isa. 44:9–20  
Eph. 4:17–32  
Mark 3:19b–35

**Wednesday, January 23**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Isa. 44:24–45:7  
Eph. 5:1–14  
Mark 4:1–20

**Thursday, January 24**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Isa. 45:5–17  
Eph. 5:15–33  
Mark 4:21–34

**Friday, January 25**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Isa. 45:18–25  
Eph. 6:1–9  
Mark 4:35–41

**Saturday, January 26**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Isa. 46:1–13  
Eph. 6:10–24  
Mark 5:1–20

**Sunday, January 27**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Isa. 47:1–15  
Heb. 10:19–31  
John 5:2–18

**Monday, January 28**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Isa. 48:1–11  
Gal. 1:1–17  
Mark 5:21–43

**Tuesday, January 29**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Isa. 48:12–21 (22)  
Gal. 1:18–2:10  
Mark 6:1–13

**Wednesday, January 30**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Isa. 49:1–12  
Gal. 2:11–21  
Mark 6:13–29

**Thursday, January 31**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Isa. 49:13–23 (24–26)  
Gal. 3:1–14  
Mark 6:30–46

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## **WEEKLY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**Sundays  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Stephen Vandergrift**

**There is a potluck Coffee Hour each Sunday in the Conference Room after our service. All are welcome, please join us! We serve coffee, tea and whatever goodies are donated. Please volunteer to make and serve coffee and clean up!**