

# Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, January 9, 2022



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday:

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair  
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

### Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday  
(held virtually via Zoom)

### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

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## • Church Life Snapshot •

Come and get a star this morning and find out what possible gifts you can bring to the Christ.

## Worship is...

*Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.*

**Restrooms:** Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

**Large Print Hymnals (words only):** Available on the back table.

**Hand Sanitizer & Wipes:** Available for those who need them.

**Questions?** Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

**Do you know of someone who would like to apply for the church janitor position?**  
Please see Don Worden or call the church office.

## Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

### Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="radio"/> Church website <input type="radio"/> Church member <input type="radio"/> Event <input type="radio"/> Facebook	
<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	
Are you a: <input type="radio"/> 1st-time guest <input type="radio"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="radio"/> Member/regular attendee	

# Order of Worship – January 9, 2022

## *Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches*

### Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

Welcome

\*Hymn #152

“What Star is This, with Beams So Bright”

\*Pass the Peace

### Prepare for Worship -----

#### Call to Worship (*Isaiah 43:18&19*)

Leader: The Lord says: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

All: **Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”**

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

All: **As we meet together to celebrate a New Year, we meet to celebrate your continued love and mercy, O God. In your infinite wisdom, you have given us life and an opportunity to know you. As we look back over the past year, we see there are times when our faith was thin and our problems seemed to grow. We have tried putting our trust in all kinds of resources only to find them far less than promised. We know when we turn to you and allow our faith to grow stronger, our problems grow thin, and peace comes to our hearts. Forgive us for having to learn this lesson again and again. We celebrate your love given to us in Jesus Christ as we offer our prayers in his name and ask that you hear our prayers in silence...**

*(moment of silence for personal confession)*

#### Words of Assurance (*Romans 8:38, 39*)

Leader: The Apostle Paul assures us: “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

\*Response #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

All: **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.**

## Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Message

"Overwhelmed with Joy" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

The Response #152

"What Star is This, with Beams So Bright"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication

Leader: Today we bring our tithes and offerings for the work God is doing among us.

All: With grateful hearts we dedicate our offerings to God.

Offering

Offertory

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

\*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: Praise God, from who 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

All: Holy God, your plan was revealed to angels, shepherds, wise men, and even us. Now we bring tithes and offerings asking that you continue to spread the Good News of your love through all those people and programs proclaiming hope and salvation through Jesus Christ. We want to be a part of spreading that Good News as we offer our tithes and offerings. We give thanks that you have included us in this marvelous work as we give in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

## Leave to Serve God's People -----

\*Closing Hymn #151

"We Three Kings"

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"We Three Kings"

# Announcements for the Week of January 9

**Ushers:** Lynda Nelson  
**Communion Servers:** Lynda Nelson

**We need treats!** Please contact the church office if you'd like to provide treats for a future Sunday. Calvin-Sinclair is providing for January and Echo Hill will provide for February.

**The Session of Echo Hill Presbyterian Church** strongly recommends that we all follow the CDC Covid-19 safety guidelines: Get vaccinated. Wear a mask indoors in public. Maintain social distances. Wash your hands often. Cover coughs and sneezes. Clean and disinfect. Monitor your health daily. Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

**There will be a congregational meeting** following worship on January 16th for the purpose of electing officers for 2022-2024. Please try to attend.

**The installation of new officers** will take place during worship on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Gleanings from Jim White

"Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered from generation to generation, as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn." – Joseph Addison

## Weekly Calendar

Members from both congregations are welcome to attend any event/meeting.

Sunday: Communion

**9:00 AM:** Bible Study-Room #1

**10:00 AM:** Worship-Sanctuary

**12:30 PM:** Church of Pentecost

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM:** Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**9:30 AM:** Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

**5:30 PM:** Echo Hill Deacons Meeting-Room #1

**7:00 PM:** Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**7:00 PM:** Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**1:00 PM:** Just Friends-Fellowship Hall

**6:00 PM:** Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

## Food Bank Donations for Linn Co. Food Bank



Please consider making a monetary donation to support our food banks, instead of bringing items to the church. The food banks can purchase food at a lower cost and more efficiently than we can purchase. The food bank we're supporting in January is Linn Community Food Bank. If you'd like to contribute, simply leave your donation in the office, or mail it to church, with a notation on the memo line for "food bank." Make your checks out to "Echo Hill Church" and we'll send one check at the end of the month to the food bank. Thank you for your support of these organizations.

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