

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, January 8, 2023



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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• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is Matthew 2:1-18 with a sermon titled "Following a Star."

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!

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="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Are you a: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee	

Order of Worship – January 8, 2023

Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Churches

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise and bring our joys and concerns, leaving renewed in spirit and eager to go and live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship (Psalm 147:1, 4-6)

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: He determines the number of stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

*The Hymn of Praise #150

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, on this second Sunday of a New Year, we give thanks for your marvelous grace. You have called us to this place to worship. We join our voices together in praise. There is no other god like you. The provisions you have made to call us to yourself, by giving us Jesus as our Savior, is a sure sign of your constant love. Forgive us for straying from you and going after other gods. We want to know you better each day so we may serve your Kingdom. You set before us many opportunities to see your hand at work. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the wonders of your love. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we continue our prayers in silence...

*Words of Assurance (Ephesians 1:3-4)

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

*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.**

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture

Matthew 2:1-18 (*Pew Bible: page 2*)

The Sermon

"Following a Star" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

The Hymn of Response #152

"What Star is This, with Beams So Bright"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

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.

The 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.

The Offertory

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: 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

All: As the Wise Men brought gifts that would be fit for a King, we want to give to your Kingdom, O Lord. We bring tithes and offerings dedicated to your glory asking that you may use them to bring many to your love. From the bounty you bestow on us, we want to use to bless those in need. We give you thanks in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

The Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

(Please be seated for the Echo Hill Congregational Meeting)

Announcements for the Week of January 8

Ushers: Linda Kipp and JoAnn Ingels
Communion Servers: Linda Kipp and Carole Swanson
Lay Leader: Judy Gnade

Thanks to Judy Worley and Tom Garland for providing fellowship this morning! Judy Gnade and Jayne Peremsky will provide fellowship next Sunday, January 15.

An Echo Hill congregational meeting will be held after worship this morning for the purpose of electing officers. The slate include Judy Gnade and Bev Slager for deacons and Dan Gnade as an elder.

Echo Hill's annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 29 after worship, followed by a potluck. Please submit your team's annual report no later than Wednesday, January 18.

Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating their special day next week!

Dave Rogers Jan 8
Dan Stevenson Jan 8

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

11:00 AM: Echo Hill Congregational Meeting for Electing Officers

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

10:00 AM: Echo Hill Finance Meeting

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

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

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

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

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Beyond Food & Clothing

The Caring Team invites you to help Olivet Neighborhood Mission with donations of personal care items. Specific items needed are shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, wipes, and lotion. Place your items in the tub in Fellowship Hall. The January 29 Noisy Sunday offering will be used to buy additional items. We will dedicate these items on February 5. – *The Caring Team*

New Bible Study Begins Today

Our new Bible Study will begin today, Sunday, January 8th at 9:00 am in the conference room.

In this six-session video study, Andy Stanley will invite you to embrace the version of faith that, against all odds, initiated a chain of events resulting in the most significant and extensive cultural transformation the world has ever seen. It's a version we must consider if we are to be salt and light in an increasingly savorless and dark world. Everyone is invited to attend. – *Don & Darlene Worden*

Thank You for Your Generosity!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from both congregations who contributed to the staff Christmas gift. We're appreciative of your generosity and feel blessed to serve the Echo Hill and Calvin-Sinclair congregations. – *Rev. Morey, Sandy Minger, Michael Becker, and Jill Laping*

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