

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 21, 2018

10:15 A.M.



Morristown United Church
Christ Centered † Spirit Led

knowing,
The mission of our church is to engage all people in
loving, and serving God to transform lives,
communities, and the world.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Dedication of
Church Officers and Leaders 2018

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

Centering Words

The light of God shines forth in Jesus Christ and changes everything.
The world as we know it is passing away and becoming something gloriously new.
In Jesus Christ, God's Kingdom is coming. . . and is already here. This
is good news indeed. Welcome!

PRELUDE

Chaconne in F Major

Louis Couperin
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Christ is the World's Light

Sarah A Michal

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. No. 188
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on High!
(Sing twice)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Jesus says, "Now is the time!"

**People: Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines.
Show us how very close your Kingdom is.**

Leader: Jesus says, "God's Kingdom is at hand."

**People: Deliver us, God, from faith in our own strength.
Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!" **People:**

**Embolden us, God, to trust you anew, for we
are as fragile as breath, and draw our
strength from your mercy and compassion.**

† OPENING HYMN

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

No. 176

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany, your Kingdom has drawn close—so close we can almost touch it.

Help us see that we already live under your rule of peace.

May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another.

Fill us with the desire to be more like Jesus and serve more like him. Give us the joy of living and serving in your grace. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kris Hansen

God alone offers strength and hope. Let us welcome God's Kingdom, making it our refuge. Let us pour out our hearts, trusting God with everything, even our failings and our deepest concerns. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, we know that you alone are unshakable. You alone are our stronghold and our refuge. You deliver and glorify us, yet we fail to love and glorify you in return. We live as if we can save ourselves, as if we can be our own stronghold and fortress against the storm. Yet we are fragile as breath. We are consumed by our desires to succeed and dominate. And so, we confess our failings to you and to one another, trusting in your forgiving grace. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Beloved, God calls us with grace, and we can rest in God's faithful and forgiving love. Allowing Christ to change our hearts and our lives, we find God's strength and hope.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and clothed in love.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and clothed in love! Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
Chancel Choir

Richard Gillard

DEDICATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND LEADERS (See insert)

Rev. Dr. Steve Bechtold

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Jack Tironi

(Children up to the age of 7 may gather in the Narthex as they go to Room 22 for Children's Time.)

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kris Hansen **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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

† HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 451

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Hayoung Kang

Faithful God, as your word is proclaimed, we pray for purity of heart, mind, and action. Through the gift of your message, breathe your Spirit within our lives, in the name of the one who came to embody your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11

Hayoung Kang If then there is

any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: **be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of

God, **did not regard equality with**

God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the
form of a slave, being born in
human likeness. And being found in
human form, **he humbled himself**
and became obedient to the point of death— even
death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every
name, **so that at the name of**
Jesus every knee should
bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, and every tongue should
confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord, to**
the glory of God the Father.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Working Your Way Down the Ladder

Rev. Dr. Steve Bechtold

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- A special presentation from the Historical Society
Dr. Bechtold
- Music at Noon completes its season this week; mark your calendars for Abendmusik
- “War Room”—Movie & Potluck Dinner—January 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
Holly Dinneney
- Rummage Sale—March 3, 2018

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Melody in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

† DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise
God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Jack Tironi

**God, may these gifts and our very lives be a YES! to follow Christ’s call. Use us and the offerings we
bring this day, that your peace, your strength, and your loving-kindness may be made more visible
in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

† CLOSING HYMN

Ye Servants of God

No. 181

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Bechtold

† POSTLUDE

Postlude in F Major

Alexandre Guilmant

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Virginia Lyttle to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband Alan.

THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2018 IS IN PLACE IN THE NARTHEX. Please consider honoring a loved one on any Sunday. The cost for the two arrangements is \$70.00, and any given Sunday may be shared with the agreement of both donors.

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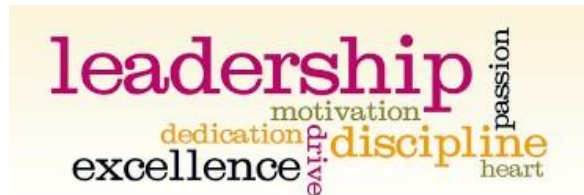
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DEDICATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

Dr. Bechtold:

Dear friends,

You have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

As you prepare to dedicate yourself to serving God and our church, I have a few questions for you.

Leader: Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? **People:**

I do.

Leader: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world? **People:**
I will.

Leader: Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace? **People:**
I will.

Leader: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been
chosen?
People: I will.

Dr. Bechtold: Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly to your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Brandon to the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers? **Congregation: We will.**

MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 21, 2018

January 28, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Authoritative Word”

Mark 1: 21-28

Jack Scharf preaching

February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“Jesus, the Healer”

Mark 1:28-39

Kris Hansen preaching

WELCOME EVERYBODY! Our special welcome to our guests in worship today. We are so glad that we could worship God together today. Please go to the WELCOME CENTER to receive a welcome gift and more information about our church and ministry. See you next Sunday!

OUR WARM WELCOME TO THE REV. DR. STEVE BECHTOLD to our church and worship this morning! He is the District Superintendent of the Skyland District, in which our church belongs. We are grateful for his enthusiastic support for our church and our ministry. Welcome!

SIGN UP FOR A NEW YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS today. Pastor Brandon is starting a new Youth Confirmation class—please speak to Pastor Brandon if you are interested.

THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE will meet after worship today in the Wesley Room at 11:45 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JACK SCHARF will be preaching. His topic will be “The Authoritative Word.”

Music At Noon

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.

Light luncheon available for purchase before concerts, 11:30-12:10

Lunch \$8/\$7 seniors; Concerts
donation



\$7/\$6 seniors suggested

January 25

A Musical Heritage

Nancie Lederer, *violin* Marnie Kaller, *cello* Pauline
Lederer, *piano* Rick Kaller, *piano*



Assisted Living Ministry

The Assisted-Living Worship Service Committee held a worship service for residents of the Spring Hills at Morristown Assisted Living at 10:15 A.M. this morning led by Jack Scharf with assistance from Bea Sullivan who played the piano. Next week the service will be led by Dave Sullivan with assistance from Bea Sullivan who will again play the hymns. Everyone is welcome to attend and assist. Contact Howard at 973-540-1283 or hhleach@aol.com or Evelyn Smith at 973984-6845 or EvelynSmith@aol.com for more information.

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club Wesley Room
9:00 a.m. Bible Study Library
10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Brandon
11:30 a.m. Chili sales

11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
11:45 a.m. Staff Parish Relations Wesley Room
2:00 p.m. Emmaus Board
3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, January 22

7:30 p.m. A.A. Room 21

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 p.m. Council of Ministries Asbury Room

Wednesday, January 24

4:00 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

6:00 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury Room

Thursday, January 25

11:30 a.m. Music at Noon Lunch
12:15 p.m. Music at Noon Concert
A Musical Heritage

Friday, January 26

5:30 p.m. Soccer Ministry Gym

Saturday, January 27

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Asbury Room
5:00 p.m. Couples Connection Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Club Wesley Room
9:00 a.m. Bible Study Library
10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Pastor Brandon
11:30 a.m. Chili sales
11:35 a.m. Asbury Choir Choir Room
3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

- “LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS” The broadcast of our services may be seen on Cable Channel 21 each Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
- **DVDs** are available for each worship service for \$5.00. Please call the office to place your order.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USHERS’ TABLE.**

Attendance and Offering
January 14, 2018

Attendance
132

Offering
\$3,979.00



- **Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry**
- **Stephen Ministry**
- **Church Leaders and Ministry Teams**
- **Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry Our Church Family and Friends Lou Cattano, undergoing treatment for kidney transplant rejection Tommy M., lung transplant Evelyn Davis, good outcome Janine, thanksgiving for good test results Connor, good outcome Les Sutton, continued recovery Lisa Y., strength and healing Christine and Marcus, healing Erico family, mother of four battling terminal cancer John Leding, strength and healing William E. Hettrick, prostate cancer Rob W., to find peace and God’s direction**

- Frank, strength and healing**
- Judy M., colon cancer**
- Agnes, living with cancer, healing**
- Gary, loss of job**
- Tim Byrne, successful treatment of cancer**
- John Hyland, contined strength and healing**
- Kelly Buzalski, fighting cancer**
- Joan, in hospice care**
- Janice Harris, colon cancer**
- Stephanie, leukemia**
- Carolyn, cancer**
- Maggie, dialysis and chemo**
- Debbie’s mom, successful treatment of cancer**
- Lea O’Shea, Nancy Ruggerio’s daughter, recovery**
- Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer**
- James, recovery from stage 4 cancer**
- Jenny’s father, treatment for prostate cancer**

Serving Our Country

- Pfc. Abigail Crisp, NJ Army National Guard**
- Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines**
- Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard**
- Staff Sgt. Steve Lantz, Army Reserves, Middle East**
- Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, San Diego**

On-going Prayer

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| Sonya Burroughs | Bob Kennaday |
| Shannon Bain | Barbara & Jim MacHale |
| Beth & Bruce Courter | Micah |
| Erika Davis | Rick Radis |
| Neil Eriksen | Ms. So |
| Nancy Gardner | Arden Sutton |
| Jack & Johnna | Emma Wyman |
| | Ken Zippler |

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS
WAR ROOM
 PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

Join Us For Dinner And A Movie!
Saturday Night January 27th 5-8 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at Morristown United Methodist Church
Bring a Dish to Share
Childcare Provided

The movie, originally released in 2015, follows the story of Tony and Elizabeth Jordan who have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan's world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a "war room" and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident.

RSVP to Holly Dinneney
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The Couples' Connection will do a five-session Saturday night program based on War Room on the following dates: **February 24, March 24, April 28, May 19 and June 16.** The compelling drama and small group study explore the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of life.

