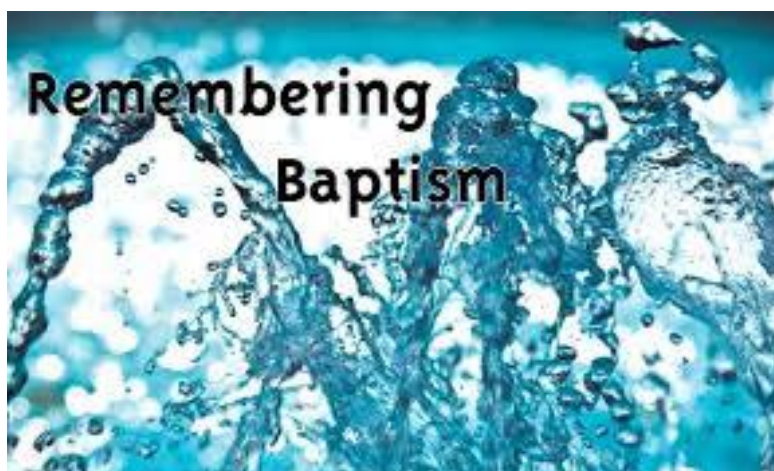


WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 7, 2018
10:15 A.M.



Morristown United Church
Christ Centered † Spirit Led

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

December 31, 2017

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

First Sunday after the Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

God Will Take Care of You

arr. Philip Keveren
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Come, Thou Almighty King

Sarah A Michal

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!

No. 61

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious. Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: God voice calls over the water.

People: God's voice thunders over the face of the deep.

Leader: God's word is strong.

People: God's word shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: God's Spirit unleashes fiery flames.

People: God's Spirit shakes the wilderness.

Leader: Let the earth tremble before our God.

People: Here in this place, shout, "Glory!" to our God.

Come, let us worship

† OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 89

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Matt Zeller

Come mighty God, and bring light to our darkness.

As we wade in the waters of our baptism, claim us as your beloved children.

Come, loving Christ, and call us as your own.

As we splash in the river of our salvation, heal us with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit, and sweep over our souls.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

Wading in the waters of our baptism, we have grown complacent, O God.

We have turned our backs on the ocean of your Spirit, and have been swept away by the currents of apathy and indifference.

Let your voice thunder over the waters once more.

Ignite our souls with your Holy Spirit like a fiery flame.

Come, Holy One, and trouble the waters.

Come and call us anew.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The Spirit changes our hearts and our lives. The Spirit is blessing us with the assurance that we are God's children. As beloved children of God, rest assured that you are treasured and loved.

People: In the name of Christ Jesus, we rest assured that we are treasured and loved. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God of Mercy, God of Grace
Chancel Choir

Jerry F. Davidson

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Dr. Cho

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

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

When Jesus Came to Jordan

No. 252

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Matt Zeller

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 READINGS

Mark 1:4-11

Matt Zeller

The Baptism of Jesus

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, **he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remember Your Baptism and Be Thankful

Dr. Cho

† PASSING THE PEACE

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

See insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Skylands District Foundational Leadership Training—January 20, 2018
- Music at Noon continues in January

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Lart Gott

† 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)

Spirit of God, you created light in the darkness. Call us now to live as children of your light, and lead us to share the blessings of our baptism with the rest of the world, especially those in need of your hope and love. In Christ’s holy name, we give you thanks. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 140

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

God sits enthroned over the waters as king forever.
God sits enthroned over the waters of creation, the waters of our baptism.
Christ lives in us and through us as we splash with wet joy.
Remember your baptism and be thankful.
Go in God’s peace. Amen.

† POSTLUDE

Chorale

Carson Cooman

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, January 14, 2018



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Loida Larcia to the glory of God and in thankfulness for 40 years in the United States.

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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January 7, 2018

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday after Epiphany
"He is Calling You!"
John 1:43-51
Pastor Brandon preaching

January 21, 2018
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Dr. Steve Bechtold 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!

Music At Noon concerts continue in January ...

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.

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

Lunch \$8/\$7 seniors; Concerts \$7/\$6 seniors suggested donation



January 11
An Afternoon with Rio
Rio Clemente, *jazz piano*



January 18
Chopin and Lizst
Joel Fan, *piano*



Nancie Lederer, *violin*
Pauline Lederer, *piano*



January 25
A Musical Heritage
Marnie Kaller, *cello*
Rick Kaller, *piano*

Join us!

This Week at MUMC

Sunday, January 7, 2018

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
 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

6:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Wesley Room
 6:30 p.m. Wesleyan Choir Choir Room
 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Wesley Room

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers Asbury Room

Thursday, January 11

11:30 a.m. Music at Noon Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Music at Noon Concert
 An Afternoon With Rio

Saturday, January 13

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Building Bridges Leadership Workshop Fellowship Hall
 8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Asbury Room

Next Sunday, January 14

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
 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 December 31, 2017

Attendance
110

Offering
\$3095.00

- **Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry**
 - **Stephen Ministry**
 - **Church Leaders and Ministry Teams**
 - **Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry**
- Our Church Family and Friends**

Sinchi Family

Janine, healing
Connor, good outcome
Les Sutton, continued recovery
Susan and family, answered prayer
Cathy’s father, healing
Christine and Marcus, healing
Lisa Y., healing and understanding
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
Hilda, Deb Foster’s aunt, cancer
Susie Parker and her church family
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

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

