

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 6, 2019

Prelude *Winds Through the Olive Trees* Dale Wood, arr.
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *As with Gladness* William C. Dix,
Conrad Kocher, William H. Monk

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 164

Choral Anthem *Wise Men Still Seek Him* Christopher Machen,
Richard Kingsmore, arr.

Morning Prayers and the 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
And the power,
And the glory, forever.
Amen.

Prayer Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 144, v. 4

*Hymn "Lovely Star in the Sky" No. 175

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Come Back Star of Bethlehem, Come Back"

Offering

Offertory Music *O Light of Life* Charles Wesley,
George D. Elderkin

*Doxology See insert.

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 425

Silent Preparation

The Bread (unison)

Let us recall that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Cup (unison)

In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, you remain a sacred mystery to us. You have brought Good News for all the people and we will not be afraid. We are hungry for your love which surpasses all our understanding; we are thirsty for your spirit that never runs dry. In this meal nourish our souls, feed our minds, and quench our deepest longings, that we may glorify you every day of our lives. Amen.

*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 167

Benediction

Benediction Response "Gloria, In Excelsis Deo!" No. 155
from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Postlude *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Henry T. Smart,
Dale Wood, arr.

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.
Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices before the service.*

"And there, ahead of them, went
the star that they had seen at its
rising, until it stopped over the
place where the child was."

Matthew 2:9

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Ushers: Jacki Friedmann and Joseph Pilla
Coffee Hour: Joseph Pilla
Camera: Rodney Dunlap-Keener

Choir: Jenny Lindsey (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

*The liturgical color for Epiphany is white, the color of celebration.
In Epiphany, we celebrate that God loves us enough to reveal
himself to the entire world in Christ Jesus.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, Jan. 13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Dr. B. J. Hutto;
music, Paul Stephan &
the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; New Member's Mtg.

Sunday, Jan. 13th, New Member's Meeting - Perhaps you've been attending MABC for a few months and have considered becoming a member . . . or you're fairly new and are curious about the process. Join us after the service next Sunday, January 13th, for a new member's meeting. MABC deacons and other members will be there to answer your questions. All are welcome.

Sunday, Jan. 27th, MABC Annual Meeting - Join us after the service for the MABC Annual Meeting. Committee chairs will present their reports and the church budget for the new year will be reviewed.

Urgent Need for Winter Clothing!! - MABC is again participating in the annual winter coat drive, from now until the Spring of 2019. **They are in dire need of: Men's coats and jackets (larger sizes preferred); Men's sweatshirts and sweaters (larger sizes preferred); Men's long sleeved shirts (larger sizes preferred); Men's pants (larger sizes preferred); Gloves, scarves, and hats underwear; Large-sized practical shoes.** You can bring donations to MABC and drop them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary. Or you can bring them to Metro Baptist at 410 West 40th Street in Manhattan. For more information, contact either Adom Crew (adom.crew@gmail.com).

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.
Please ask an usher for a receiver.



MABC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming signups for Coffee Hour and ushering. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to this page to see our Sign-Up on SignUp.com: [vols.pt/hJCuf2](https://www.signup.com/vols.pt/hJCuf2)
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy—you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

If you need assistance signing up, please contact Joseph Pilla, JosephPilla@me.com.



Weekly Early Morning Volunteer Opportunity - Every Tuesday morning from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church in midtown Manhattan (619 Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.) runs a soup kitchen. They are always looking for volunteers to help out and would welcome members of our MABC family with open arms. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Adom Crew, who participates in this ministry weekly. For additional details contact adom.crew@gmail.com.

For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.



We welcome you to our service this morning! Our church is committed to being one which is inclusive regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic situation. Jesus gave us the supreme example of inclusiveness. In our human way, we attempt to follow.

If you are a visitor, we're glad you're here! Please make sure to fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher. This is a community of faith where everyone is welcome. We hope to see you again!

Options for Electronic Giving

Would you like to support MABC's ministries? MABC accepts contributions through the following methods:

Envelope Giving: Cash or Check

Online: www.mabcnyc.org

Mobile*: Text "MABCNYC" to 77977

*When you send 'mabcnyc' to 77977 you will receive a one time reply containing a link to give to Madison Avenue Baptist Church (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

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