

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Second Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022
10:00 AM*

OPENING MUSIC

Creator of the Stars at Night

PRESBYBOP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mission Committee Meeting, Monday (1/3) at 7 PM on ZOOM.
- Women's Bible Café, Wednesday (1/5) at 6 PM on ZOOM.
- Annual Reports are due January 16th and will be made available for review on January 23rd.
- Our next Drive-Thru Food Drive is Monday, January 17th (MLK Day) from 10 am - 12 pm.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: On this day, we remember the gift of God's Word,

ALL: Who gathers us together from the farthest parts of the world to worship in joy and hope.

ONE: On this day, we remember the simple graces of the bread and the cup,

ALL: Those plain gifts shaped by God's love into nourishing hope.

ONE: On this day, we remember the gifts of water and oil,

ALL: Cleansing us in the baptismal pools, anointing us as God's children.

INVOCATION

MUSICAL OFFERING

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Christmas: we still are playing with our new toys, the creche figures have not been put away; we have the stacks of Christmas cards, but we memorize the words sin has taught us; we set limits on who we will love, we make promises we cannot keep, we fail to see the pain and hurt we cause.

God of the angels and shepherds, forgive us. Your Word has come to reshape our lives; your Light has come to show us the way home; your Son has come to make us your family. Have mercy and make us new people. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(We pause for a moment of silent personal confession).

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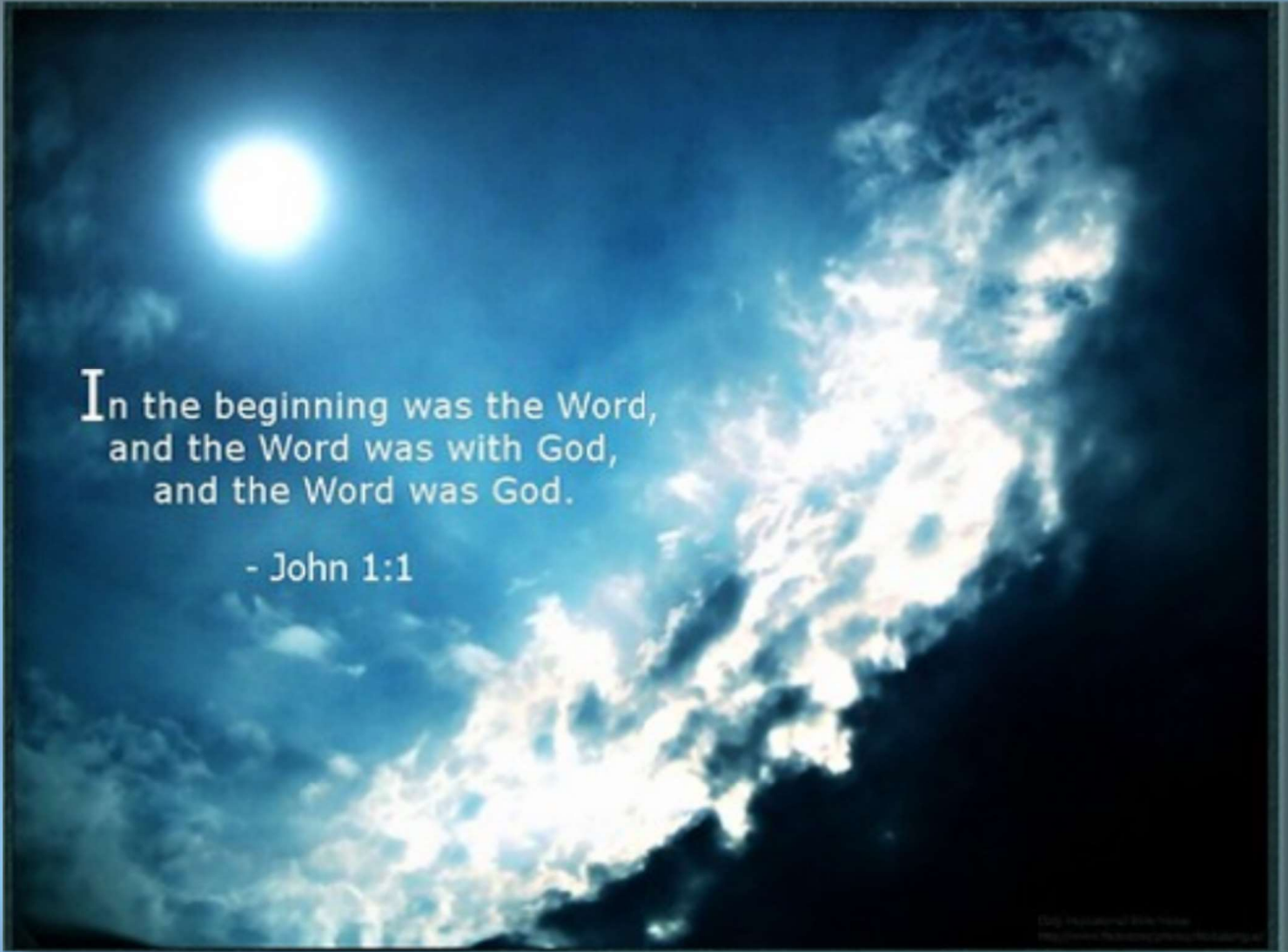
ONE: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew. God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us.

ALL: What a marvelous gift - forgiveness! Filled with hope and new life, we can sing God's praises forever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Light and Life

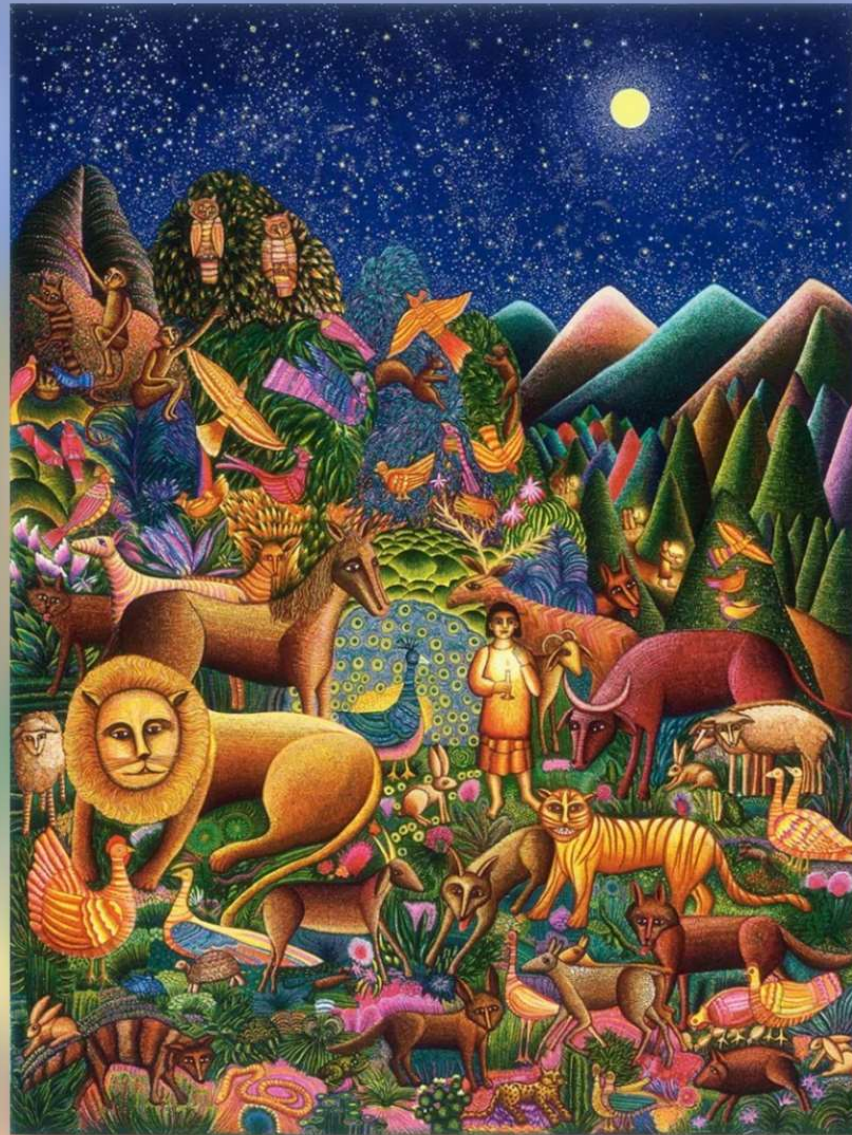
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In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

- John 1:1









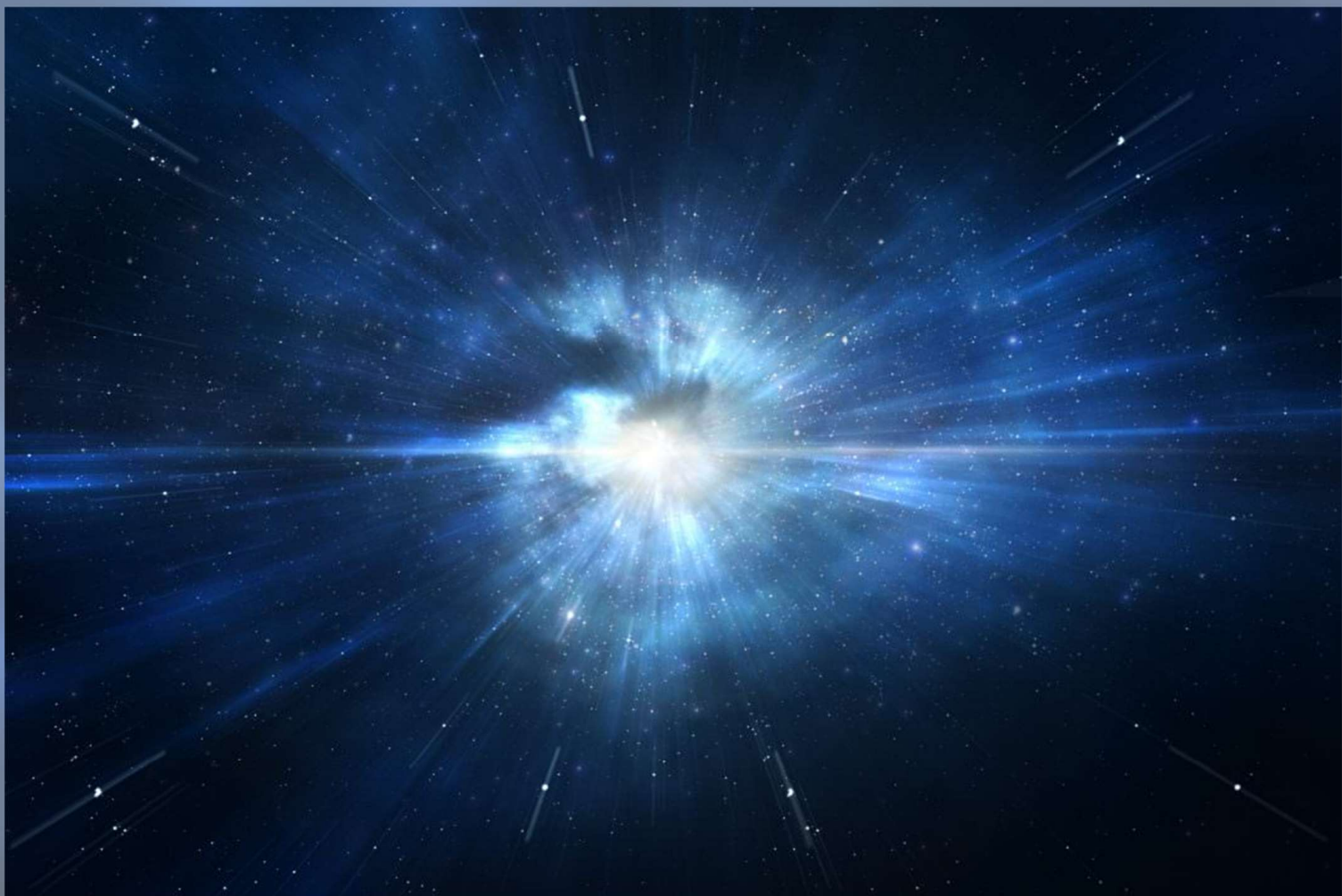


















A WORD FOR A NEW YEAR

Rev. Judith A Dwyer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer 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 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.



BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Joy to the World

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MINUTE FOR MISSIONS:

The Food Center at Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Some of our NPC Mission envelope/online offerings are designated to support the Food Center at Morrisville Presbyterian Church (website: www.mpcusa.org/food-center), as well as non-perishable food donations.

Our church is committed to meeting the physical needs of our community through a strong partnership with the Food Center. We have responded to the increasing rates of those needing food assistance during the pandemic with quarterly food drives, benefiting those in the Lower Bucks County and Trenton, NJ areas.

In addition to the quarterly food drives being held at Northampton Presbyterian Church for delivery to the Food Center, a table and basket are available in our narthex. Please drop off your non-perishable donations any Sunday when you are attending worship. All items are welcome, but if you are would like suggested items to purchase, these are some: canned beans, canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat entrée (stew, chili),

canned soup, canned tuna fish, cereal, macaroni and cheese in box, milk (evaporated or shelf stable), pasta, peanut butter or jelly in plastic jar, rice, spaghetti sauce in plastic jar.

The mission of the Food Center is to provide supplemental food assistance to food-insecure families in Lower Bucks County and the greater Trenton area in a caring and respectful manner. They have been doing this since 1997. Any individual or family residing in this service area may visit the Food Center for assistance. The Food Center is entirely volunteer operated and is dependent on donations of food and money from the community. Based on family size, clients receive a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, dairy products, bakery items, personal care items and household items, as well as diapers and pet food.

“Ways to Help the Food Center at Morrisville Presbyterian Church” – Our next Drive-Thru Food Drive is **Monday, January 17th** from 10 am to noon.

“Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him,” Proverbs 14:31.

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** are written by Thom M. Schuman and posted on his blog: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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