



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Partita for English horn, Movement I  
(Based on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)*

*Jan Koetsier*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #233

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

KINGS OF ORIENT

## INVOCATION

**All: Loving God, in this new year, grant us new life. Send your Holy Spirit to enliven us so that we might serve you. As we gather around the Table, we seek to be fully the people and the church that you have called and created us to be. Grant us that wisdom as we pray the prayer Jesus taught:**

**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.**

### MUSICAL RESPONSE #234

*Wise Men, They Come to Look for Wisdom*

Neumark

**Wise men, they came to look for wisdom, finding one wiser than they knew;  
rich men, they met with one yet richer King of the kings, they knelt to you:  
Jesus, our wisdom from above, wealth and redemption, life and love.**

## TIME FOR COMMUNITY

*Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Follow the Star!*

*Allan Bullard*

Pamela Jimenez, Bonnie Thayer, Clayton Morell, and Robin Willis

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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### SERMON

A Camel on the Roof

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

## OFFERTORY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*What Star is This, with Beams So Bright?*  
Sanctuary Choir ♦ Andrew Snedeker, oboe

*Howard Helvey*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

At this table all are welcome guests. Jesus is our host. We hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together. Our cups contain grape juice. There are gluten-free wafers in the center of each bread plate.

## INVITATION

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*Partita for English horn, Movements II and V*  
(Based on *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*)

Jan Koetsier

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN #229

*The First Noel*

THE FIRST NOEL

### \*WORDS OF BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*  
Andrew Snedeker, oboe

Paul Manz

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We welcome Andrew Snedeker, Co-Principal oboe of the Naples Philharmonic as a guest artist in our services. His presence is generously underwritten by the Music Gift Fund.

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, THE EUCHARIST, THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the United Church of Christ, several terms are used to refer to our sharing of the bread and the cup. Historically, views concerning Communion in our tradition have run the gamut from those who believe that Christ is symbolically present in the blessed bread and cup, to those who believe that we are sharing in a simple memorial meal as Jesus asked us to do "in remembrance of me." It is not unusual for some members to hold views on Communion which stress the "real" presence of Christ in the bread and the cup (a traditional Roman Catholic view) or to believe that sharing the bread and the cup is a simple way to express our oneness as a faith community. Our theological differences enliven rather than divide.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister  
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care  
Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing, Assistant Minister  
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist  
Megan Black, Audiovisual  
Sanctuary Choir

## USHERS:

9 a.m.: Richard Ryder, head usher; Carolyn Keller, Dick and Jean Ann Lynch, Bob Miller, Katie and John Ogden, Joseph Rickard, Mary Robinson, Cheryl Turner

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; Ronnie Bellone, Joyce Cameron, Bob Nordland, Jen Rainey, Ron Sanson, Pat Wiedner



STEPHEN MINISTERS: 9 a.m.: Louise Brown 11 a.m.: Ronnie Bellone

### Today in the Gathering Place

- Social Activities Sign ups
- Senior Singles Dinner Sign Ups
- Concert Tickets
- Caregivers Support Group Table
- Class Sign ups and book sales

## THIS WEEK AT NUCC (JANUARY 6-13)

<b>Sunday</b> 1/6	Epiphany Sunday 9 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 11 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S)
<b>Monday</b> 1/7	NUCC Lifetouch Photoshoot Day (appointments only)(MH) 9:30 a.m. . . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104) 9:30 a.m. . . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (BH) 11 a.m. . . . . Palette Pals Meeting (Seibert Home) 1 p.m. . . . . Bell Choir (BH) 4:30 p.m. . . . Centering Prayer (P) 5 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir (BH)
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/8	9 a.m. . . . . Stewardship Committee Meeting (N104) 9 a.m. . . . . NUCC Cares Meeting (N101) 12 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Training (N207) 1 p.m. . . . . Social Committee Meeting (N101) 3 p.m. . . . . Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) 4 p.m. . . . . Music Committee Meeting (ACR) 5:30 p.m. . . . Membership and Growth Meeting (N104) 6 p.m. . . . . Board of Christian Education Meeting (N101) 6 p.m. . . . . Diaconate Meeting (ACR)
<b>Wednesday</b> 1/9	9 a.m. . . . . Stewardship Committee Meeting (ACR) 10 a.m. . . . . Chair Yoga (BH) 11 a.m. . . . . New Chapters Men's Study Group (N104) 1 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Meeting (N207) 3 p.m. . . . . Junior Disciples (N207) 4 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Singers (BH) 4:45 p.m. . . . Joyful Noise (BH) 7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Thursday</b> 1/10	9 a.m. . . . . Stewardship Committee Meeting (ACR) 9 a.m. . . . . Endowment Committee Meeting (N104) 9:30 a.m. . . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH) 10 a.m. . . . . Green Justice Team Meeting (N101) 12:30 p.m. . . . Mah Jongg (MH) 5:30 p.m. . . . Task Force on Justice and Witness Ministries (N101) 6 p.m. . . . . Newcomer's Dinner (Off-site) 6 p.m. . . . . DeSimone/Ricci Wedding Rehearsal (S) 7 p.m. . . . . "RBG" Film Screening (MH) Time TBA . . . . Senior Singles Dinner Group (Off-site)
<b>Friday</b> 1/11	12 p.m. . . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207) 2 p.m. . . . . Caregiver's Support Group (N104) 5:30 p.m. . . . DeSimone/Ricci Wedding (S)
<b>Saturday</b> 1/12	8 a.m. . . . . Habitat for Humanity Half-Day Volunteering (Off-site) 9:30 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Training (N207) 9 a.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Retreat (S)
<b>Sunday</b> 1/13	The Baptism of Christ 9 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 10 a.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 10 a.m. . . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104) 11 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 12 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 12 p.m. . . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104) 12 p.m. . . . . Middlers Plus Event (Off-site) 2 p.m. . . . . Robert W. "Bob" Hill Memorial Service (S)

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S = Sanctuary | P = Parlor | N = Nelson Hall  
MH = McSpadden Hall | GC = Gates Chapel  
GP = The Gathering Place | BH = Beverly Hall  
MG = Memorial Garden  
ACR = Administrative Conference Room

## YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL (Age 4 to 5th Grade) meets during 9 a.m. service in Nelson Hall Room 207.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will meet on Wednesday, January 9, from 3 - 5:15 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 207.

YOUTH CHOIR will meet tomorrow (January 7), at 5 p.m. in Beverly Hall.

# PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Margaret and David Perrin, on the passing of their friend, Tom Heller.

To Rob and Pam Ford, on the passing of Rob's mother, Nancy Ford.

To the friends and family of Robert W. Hill, on his passing.

Each January, we begin again with a new prayer list. We invite you to add your prayer concerns each week to our list by using the prayer cards in the pew folders in front of you. Additionally, you may always add additional prayer concerns throughout the year by calling Wendy in the church.



### TUESDAY AT TWILIGHT: JANUARY 22, 7 P.M., BEVERLY HALL

Our first Tuesday at Twilight Concert will feature flutist, Leelo Basham. She will be joined by: Heather Vicevic, soprano; Kevin Mauldin, upright bass; Brian Jordan, drums; and Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, piano. The evening will open with four movements from John Rutter's *Suite Antique*, ranging from a gorgeous chanson, to a Richard Roger's-style waltz. Composer Delibes will feature Heather Vicevic singing the famous *Flower Duet* from *Lakmé*. Four movements from Claude Bolling's *Suites for flute and jazz trio* will take center stage. In these works, Bolling cleverly mixes the greatest movement of the twentieth-century – jazz – with classical music.



### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER: REV. DR. ROBIN MEYERS

February 9 and 10, 2019. *Building Irresistable Community!* Minister, professor, and author of seven books on Progressive Christianity, we invite you to be with us for a weekend of inspiration and illumination as Dr. Meyers shares what it means to be a traditional and progressive church. Here is our schedule:

#### Saturday

9 a.m. *Building Irresistable Community*  
10:30 a.m. *The Underground Church*

#### Sunday

9 & 11 a.m. Pulpit Message: *Original Blessing*  
12:30 a.m. Brunch provided in McSpadden Hall (\$10)  
2 p.m. *Quantum Physics and the Future of God*

Tickets are now available for all sessions together or individual sessions. Visit us in the Gathering Place or in the church office: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



# SUNDAY ST

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019** are available in the narthex after Sunday services today until the end of January. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact Sharon in the office.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Stephen Ministry is having their bi-annual training starting Jan. 8 for 12 weeks and three Saturdays (Jan., Feb., and March). If you are interested in applying to our Stephen Ministry training program, please contact Ronnie Bellone (239-216-2300) or Louise Brown (617-640-3003).

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver's Support Group will meet on Fridays, January 11 and January 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 104. On January 11th, we are delighted to welcome back Lorna Scharlacken, co-founder of the law firm Legacy Law Unlimited PLLC, for an informative discussion about trust and estate law. There will be some time for Q & A. If you have any questions about the upcoming meetings or about the group and/or would like to meet some of the people involved, please stop by our table in the Gathering Place today.

## MIDDLERS PLUS SUNDAY BRUNCH

Country Club of Naples. January 13. 1 p.m. \$30 per person. Hosted by Chuck & Jan Feeny. Registration forms are available in the Middlers Plus mailbox or on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Place. Deadline for sign-up and payment is January 6, 2019. For questions: call Bobbi Richardson at 239-207-6615 or Hilde Higuchi at 239-331-8358.

## BABY BOOMER POTLUCK

Monday, January 14, 6 p.m., Park Shore Landings Clubhouse. Join us for another evening of fun conversation, good food (potluck), and Dennis's trivia game. Information: Carolyn and Dennis Kois, johnsonkois@icloud.com

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

Thursday, January 17, 5:30 p.m. in McSpadden Hall. The dinner is before the movie: chicken, fish, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, and dessert. We will be screening the film *All Saints*, starring John Corbett. Cost is \$20. The deadline to sign up is January 13.

## BARGAIN BOX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bargain Box is in need of volunteers. Call Sandy at 239-262-3802 for more information, or to let her know the day(s) and time(s) you are available.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Rev. Martie McMane will be here Saturday, January 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in McSpadden Hall to lead us in a women's winter retreat with the theme "Fully Alive! Deepening Spirituality for Life's Changes and Challenges." Sign up begins today in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$35.

## BOCA GRANDE AND THE GASPARILLA INN AND CLUB TOUR

Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at Vineyards at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Cost: \$119. Information: Susan Melick at 239-293-8446 or susanmelick@gmail.com.

**NEW CHAPTERS MEN'S STUDY GROUP** is a weekly men's spirituality forum with David Kaiser-Cross every Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., N104. We resume the study group on January 9, studying the book, *The Will of God*.

## SENIOR SINGLES DINNER GROUP

Sign up in The Gathering Place for the NUCC Senior Singles Dinner Group. The group will meet to enjoy dinner together on January 10. Restaurant and time are TBD. Reservations are available for the first 12 people who sign up.

## PALETTE PALS

Palette Pals art group will meet Monday, January 7, at Nancy Seibert's home. The address is 77 Myrtle Lane, Naples, FL 34108. Nancy's phone number is 330-620-8421. There will be an art demo and a luncheon.

## NUCC SERVICE DAY AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join church members and help build a Habitat home on Saturday, January 12. You don't need any experience or skill. Habitat provides the tools and you'll be amazed what can be accomplished in one morning. For information, contact Jury Paulson, Habitat Director of Volunteers. [jpaulson@HabitatCollier.org](mailto:jpaulson@HabitatCollier.org) or 239-775-0036

# STEEPLELIGHTS

## COMING UP IN JANUARY

### BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be Monday, January 28, at 2 p.m. in N104: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

Our next Lunch and Learn will be Thursday, January 17, from 12 to 1 p.m. in McSpadden Hall. The Topic: What Does Access to Reproductive Health Look Like in 2019? Led by Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida CEO Stephanie Fraim. Bring lunch.

### GRIEF GROUP: *BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART*

Thursdays, January 17 – March 7. 1 – 2:30 p.m. Beginning on Thursday, January 17th and continuing for eight weeks, we will be providing a Beyond the Broken Heart Grief Group at NUCC. Led by Rev. Deb Kaiser-Cross and Leigh Hindman (Stephen Minister), this group will provide information and support for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. We hope you can join us as we heal through the grieving process together. Books and sign ups are available in the Gathering Place.

### *THE ROAD BACK TO YOU*

by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile. Wednesdays, January 16 – February 20, 5:30 – 7 p.m. The Enneagram is a powerful tool for self-discovery, which explains its spike in popularity in recent years. Cron and Stabile have written an introduction to the Enneagram that provides a practical and approachable way of accessing its wisdom. As we discover ourselves in a new way, we can deepen our connection with God and find that we are paving the way to the wiser, more compassionate persons we want to become. Books and signups are available in the Gathering Place.

### MOVIE SCREENING: *A PLASTIC OCEAN*

The Green Justice Team is sponsoring the documentary, *A Plastic Ocean*, on January 29 at 5:30 in Nelson 207. This important film helps us to understand the impacts of plastics on sea life and human life. Snacks will be provided. A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Place. More information in January Steeplelights.



**Care for God's Creation:** Bring your own shopping bags. Shopping with reusable bags everywhere you shop is a simple way to reduce ocean pollution and prevent unnecessary sea mammal deaths. It also helps you reduce consumption, prevent deforestation, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

**January 8 to March 26** Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry Training, led by Ronnie Bellone.

**January 12** Saturday morning  
Habitat for Humanity Half-Day Volunteering. More information in Sunday Steeplelights.

**January 13** Sunday, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.  
Visitor Information Brunch after both Sunday services in Nelson Hall Room 104.

**January 13** Sunday, 1 p.m.  
Middlers Plus Brunch at the Country Club of Naples (reservations with Middlers Plus required)

**January 14** Monday, 6 p.m.  
Baby Boomer's Potluck at Park Shore Landing Clubhouse

**January 16 to February 27** Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
*The Road Back to You* Book Study led by Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross.

**January 17** Thursday, 12 p.m.  
Lunch and Learn: What Does Access to Reproductive Health Look Like in 2019?  
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida CEO Stephanie Fraim.

**January 17 to March 17** Thursdays, 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
Grief Group: *Beyond the Broken Heart* led by Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross and Leigh Hindman (Stephen Minister).

**January 17** Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner and a Movie: A catered dinner followed by a screening of *All Saints* in McSpadden Hall.

**January 22** Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays at Twilight Concert featuring Leelo Basham, flutist in Beverly Hall. More information in the Concert Series Section.

**January 23** Wednesday, 11 a.m.  
Koreshan State Park Historic Guided Tour.

**January 24** Thursday, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
"Affordable Housing and Stories Behind the Issue" led by Heather English in Nelson Hall Room 207.

**January 24 to February 14** Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.  
*On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old* Book Study led by Ginny Gilmore and Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing.

**January 25 to February 4** Mondays and Fridays  
Beginner Mah Jongg Class led by Ellie Doe-Matheson and Pat McGee.

**January 26** Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Women's Retreat: Fully Alive! Deepening Spirituality for Life's Changes and Challenges with Rev. Martie McMane | \$35 (includes meals)

**January 27** Sunday, 4 p.m.  
Sanctuary Concert Series: *Beyond the Sea*, featuring Heather Vicevic, soprano and Robin S. Frank, piano. More information in the Concert Series Section.

**January 28** Monday, 2 p.m.  
Book Club discussion of *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, led by Margaret Ward in Nelson Hall Room 104.

## WELCOME, FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS

First-time guest information cards are located in the pew racks, and can be brought to the first-time-guest welcome kiosk in the narthex, or placed in the offering plate. We invite you to journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member.

Our sanctuary is equipped with the T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System. Additional hearing devices are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, there is nursery care for infants and toddlers available. There is also a "cry room" near the nursery if you wish to stay with your child and observe the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 13: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104.

Thursday, January 17: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross home.

Sunday, January 20: New Member Sunday

### Next Sunday

January 13 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Winnowing

Luke 3:15-22

Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, preaching

The 2019 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating chancel flowers.

Our Services are livestreamed and recorded. DVDs from today's service are available for a suggested donation of \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the church office on the reception desk and place it either in the offering plate or leave it on the reception desk. A recording of today's service may be found at [www.naplesucc.org](http://www.naplesucc.org).

Cans for Communion - We welcome your donations of nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate Communion together. These donations will be delivered to the Grace Place food pantry.

Weekly Steepleights arrives via email each Friday. If you are not receiving it, please contact Wendy in the church office, or at [wendy@naplesucc.org](mailto:wendy@naplesucc.org), to sign up.

Come visit our Bargain Box Thrift Store at 3906 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112 to find great items for any occasion or to volunteer! We also accept lightly-used donations. We can also assist in the pickup of larger donated items. If you have questions, please contact the store at (239)262-3802.

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE

Envelopes are available in worship



Online via our website



Text to Give  
Text NAPLESUCC to 73256 and click on the link in the reply text to complete your gift.



Stocks & IRA's

Please call Sharon in the church office.



As a **mission-driven congregation**, Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. We are not only active in community outreach, but passionate about social causes. As an **intergenerational congregation**, we engage with people of all ages and stages of life to be a place where people not only believe, but also belong. As a **growing church**, we do not ask people to "check their brains at the door," rather to ask deep questions of faith of each other and of God.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that not only welcomes, but celebrates all people. We are proud to be one of more than 5,000+ congregations in the United Church of Christ and of our identity as a "Traditional Church for Progressive People."

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