The liturgical color is white, signifying the purity, holiness and virtue of Christ, as well as respect and reverence.

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**  “All Creatures of Our God and King”  arr. Cathy DeRousee
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles
Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew. If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Assisting the ushers today are Payton Bellus (9:00) and Alex Alafi (11:00).

**Welcome and Announcements**
Pam Schwaller, Liturgist

* Choral Benediction

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.

* Postlude

“Prelude in B-flat Major”  J.S. Bach

Altar flowers are presented by Dale & Debbie Lewis and family in memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, grandson, brother and uncle; Jean Lewis, mother and grandmother; Betty M. Klein, mother and grandmother.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

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Epiphany Sunday
* Call to Worship  Isaiah 40: 25 - 31  
9:00 Lilly Parkinson  11:00 Alex Alafi

* Prayer (unison)  
Holy God, renew our strength.  
Fill us with hope.  
As a New Year begins, 
forgive us when we grow weary and stumble.  
Empower us to run with perseverance the path you set before us.  
For you are the Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth,  
and we yearn to trust you all the days of our lives. Amen.

* Opening Hymn 220  “Angels from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

Anthem  
9:00 Canticle Bells  
11:00 Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

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.

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts  
Assisting is Gabrielle Alafi 11:00

Offertory

* Doxology  
UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Preparation 224  “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”  
IN DULCI JUBILO

Scripture Reading  
Revelation 2: 1 - 7  New Testament page 867

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
“Overcome”  
Rev. Sondra Snode  
Jesus’ Challenge to 7 Churches in Revelation  
Today we visit Ephesus

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn 240  “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
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