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**It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door.
You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet,
there's no knowing where you might be swept off to.**

-JRR Tolkien



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January 6, 2018
10:15 a.m.

The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
“What Gets You Out the Door” Epiphany Worship Service

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather as God’s Beloved People

Gathering Music

Es ist ein Ros

Leavitt

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the pew pads. Prayer request cards are available for prayers you would like to bring to the clergy and/or congregation. Cards may be placed in the offering plate later in the service.

A Moment to Lay Our Burdens Down

*** Hymn 164**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

A Time of Confession

Feasting on the Word, adapted

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* Sung Response

Gloria, hymn 756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

* **Sharing God's Welcome**

Please take a moment to greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.

Children's Conversation

Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the conversation, children are welcome to remain in worship or to participate in our Sunday School program. As the children gather and disperse, the congregation sings together:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 3 times.)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We Hear a Word from God

A Word Proclaimed

Pastor Aaron Roberts

We Three Kings? – Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.”

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

No Fear – 1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love.

What is Your Thing? (write it down): _____

Question? Comment? Express your thoughts with #ColonialUCC. 

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Those who choose may come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements as the choir sings. Please take a piece of bread and then dip only the bread in the chalice. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle.

Communion Anthem *In the Silence of the Moment* Suo-Gan, Setting by D. Wagner

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ruth Duck, adapted

People: God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood. Amen.

We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Feasting on the Word, adapted

Invitation to the Offering

Our weekly offering includes food items collected in the red wagon to help fill our local food pantries.

Offertory

The Old Year is Passed

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Doxology

Hymn 782; tune Old Hundredth

***To God, all glorious heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.***

* Blessing the Offering

People: Glorious God, like the wise travelers of old, we offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Prayers of the People

*Believing that each joy and concern expressed is indeed a prayer, after each expression, the Pastor will say, "LORD, in your mercy." And the people may respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Praying in Silence

Our Lord's Prayer

"Our Father" is the traditional way this prayer begins. You are invited to use the name for God that you find most meaningful which may include Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc. The diversity of names for God create a beautiful chorus.

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.



The Sunday Crier

January 6, 2019

Sunday Night Movie – Rescheduled. Please join us today at 5:30 p.m. for “Millions.” This film “is about a pint-sized miracle worker who has close encounters with the saints of yesteryear and possesses an open and generous heart. He believes that God has called him on a special mission. This is the most endearing, charming, creative, and spiritually uplifting movie since Amelie set our hearts swooning. It is about miracles and money and saints and the divine love that will not let us go.” (Spirituality & Practice - 2005 Award Winner) Soda and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Racism, Our Original Sin - Sermon Series Beginning on January 13. America's problem with race has deep roots. All of us carry a sense of implicit or unconscious bias that affects our behavior. Christians acknowledge that our communities remain divided largely by race. Guided by Christ's vision, we are going to imagine a new vision. The Idol of Whiteness - January 13; A Segregated Church or a Beloved Community - January 20; Bridge to a New American Vision - January 27

2019 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The act of taking a journey – a pilgrimage – can result in profoundly new perspectives and spiritual growth. The Holy Land is often referred to as the 5th Gospel for the power of this place to spiritually enlighten a person. Later in 2019, Pastor Aaron is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and is inviting anyone in our church community to join him. The cost will be about \$3,000. If you are interested this pilgrimage, please let him know by January 31 at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/480a22>

*Altar
Flowers*

Today's flowers are given by Jack Frost in loving memory of Dorie Frost and Barbara Perry.

Colonial Friends to Kemper Museum. Colonial Friends will meet in the church parking lot on Wednesday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. We will organize carpools and depart by 9:40. The museum is located at 4420 Warwick Boulevard, KCMO. If you are going directly, please let Bill Yohn know. The guided tour will begin at 10:15 and will last approximately one hour. Lunch will be at Cafe Sebastienne in the Museum. Only cost is your lunch. Please RSVP to Bill (hohum2@comcast.net; 913-339-9862).

Year-end Giving Statements. Year-end giving statements for 2018 will be mailed out by the second week in January 2019. If you have any questions about these statements, please contact Jayne Quimby, Financial Recorder, at jqm333@aol.com or 816-807-3592.

Men's Breakfast Group. The next breakfast will be Tuesday, January 8 at Perkins (on 87th Street between I-35 and 69 Alt) when Bob LeVeau will talk about the East Hill Singers. Guests are always welcome.

Colonial's Inclement Weather Policy. The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m., all are usually on our way home.

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. The food pantry uses these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions.

Monthly Centering Prayer. Starting this month, we're meeting on the third Sunday of the month. See you on January 20, 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Salem Room. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

Prescription Bottles. Empty prescription bottles, any size, are needed for a veterinarian clinic that specializes in charity work. Please remove your name or any prescription information. Place them in the box outside the office labeled Veterinarian Clinic.

The Week Ahead**TODAY, January 6**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room

9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Sunday Night Movie, Heritage Room

MONDAY, January 7

9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

TUESDAY, January 8

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins

9:30 Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

WEDNESDAY, January 9

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops

9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, January 10

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

SUNDAY, January 13

8:30 am Worship

9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room

9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

10:15 Worship

10:15 Colonial Tween Squad, Salem Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

11:30 Confirmation, Youth Room

For the full church calendar, visit our website at colonialucc.org.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Colonial Church in Prairie Village! We are glad you have worshiped with us today. If you have questions or concerns, call our church office at 913-362-7735.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Ask any of the ushers for directions to the nursery.

Hearing Devices—Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. The worship service this morning can also be heard in the library.

Giving Cards—Giving Cards are available in the pew racks for anyone who contributes financially through EFT or periodically. To participate in the offering, take a card and place it into the offering plate as they are passed.

Children’s Sunday School—Children preschool through 6th grade may leave after the Children’s Conversation at the 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

Tween Squad—The Colonial Tween Squad meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Salem Room. All students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades are welcome.

Youth Group—The Colonial Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. The group meets each week at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning in the youth room (Savoy) for Teens Connect followed by worship at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service activities are planned throughout the year.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Chapel, September-May.

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/onlineworship-colonial> and get the sermon and bulletin on our website. Our 10:15 a.m. worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

Social Media— Stay up to date with what’s happening at Colonial through Facebook and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: colonial_ucc

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