

**Gloria Dei Preschool Discovery Center. In-house preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year** is now open for current students and church members. Open registration for new families will begin on February 1st. Go to <https://gloriadei.com/registration/> for more information and to learn how to register your child today!

**Conversation & Connection.** Join on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/515677818>. Or call 1 (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID# 515 677 818. We will share, pray, and check in with each other. Email [Jennifer \(jsuit@gloriadei.com\)](mailto:jsuit@gloriadei.com) for next week's dates and times

**The Caring for Friends™ food bank and senior meals program**, is driven by their mission to provide food and friendship to seniors, kids, and adults in the five counties of Greater Philadelphia. Because of coronavirus and related unemployment, need has skyrocketed further. **Caring for Friends™** is helping to secure food for over 100,000 households through its food bank and over 5,500 seniors with its meal delivery program. Go to <https://caringforfriends.org/> to learn more and to donate.

**OHAAT's (One House at a Time)** mission is to end child bedlessness in Greater Philadelphia. Through their Beds for Kids program, OHAAT provides children and youth with beds, bedding, & tools that encourage healthy bedtime habits, so they can get the quality & sufficient sleep they need to thrive. Go to <https://www.ohaath.org/> to learn more, to volunteer, or to donate goods or funds.

**The Growth Opportunity Center** is continuing to provide services to their patients using **telehealth** during this time of separation. Several therapists are willing to waive fees to frontline workers. **Visit the [gocenter.net](http://gocenter.net); or call 215-947-8654**, option 4 with any questions, option 5 for new patients. The GO Center is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals and families.

Please contact Jennifer ([jsuit@gloriadei.com](mailto:jsuit@gloriadei.com)) for a list of local organizations if you are **looking for food assistance or looking to donate** to help.

**St. Francis Inn Ministries** is called to minister to the poor and homeless of Philadelphia by trying to meet the immediate daily needs of food, clothing and hospitality. St. Francis seeks to build relationships with those they serve by respecting their human dignity and by helping them to restore hope in their lives. Go to <http://stfrancisinn.org/> to learn more, to volunteer, & to donate needed items or funds.

**Feast of Justice.** "We believe that as individual lives are transformed, our local Mayfair Community and the greater NE Philadelphia area we serve is also transformed. Our hope and vision are that we would not only feed communities but also enrich lives, together in hope." Go to <https://www.feastofjustice.com/> to learn more about Feast of Justice, to volunteer, and to donate.

**The Welcome Church: A Church Without Walls.** The Welcome Church is an ELCA congregation proclaiming the hope and love of a gracious God to all people and especially to people experiencing homelessness. Go to <https://thewelcomechurch.org/> to learn more.

#### MINISTRY TEAM AND OFFICE STAFF

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#### Gloria Dei Church

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Sunday, January 10, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

Order of Worship for 10:00 a.m. service

[www.gloriadei.com/sermons](http://www.gloriadei.com/sermons)

We are a community committed to:  
Living in **prayerful** ways.  
**Giving back** because we have been blessed.  
**Serving** others through mission.  
Coming together to **worship** God.  
Strengthening our **relationships**.  
Asking questions and **continuously learning**.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome & Opening Prayer & Litany:

L: Come with me on a journey in faith. Bring your hopes and visions of a new possibility, for God's work among us is just beginning.

**C: We are called into a future yet unnamed. We hear the call of Jesus and venture forward, leaving behind our comfort zones and certainties.**

L: But as we travel light, in the spirit of faith and expectation, we are led by the One who brings to light God's dreams for us and for the world.

**C: May we be witnesses to God's new tomorrow, and go with confidence, knowing that we never travel alone.**

**ALL: Amen and Amen.**

### Opening Song

### Statement of Faith

Video: "Lux Aurumque" (Light and Gold) by Eric Whitacre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ty3HVeAkdc>

### Children's Message

The Christmas Story told by the children of Gloria Dei

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_UY-EwA2\\_pg&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UY-EwA2_pg&feature=youtu.be)

Scripture: [Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

Message – "Follow that Star!" Pastor Karyn

Song: "Star Carol" by John Rutter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otxJoXjkLNg&feature=youtu.be>

### Prayer & +The Lord's Prayer

### Closing Song & [Offering](#)

### Church News

### Blessing for the Week

## Lectionary Readings: Sunday, January 17

First Reading: [1 Samuel 3:1-10, \(11-20\)](#)

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

Gospel: [John 1:43-51](#)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe** that the way we treat one another is the fullest expression of how we live out our faith.

**We find** our approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ who is our model for living and;

**We recognize** the faithfulness of other paths which may also lead people to an experience of God.

**We stand** in God's grace and

**We live** that grace in our attitudes and actions toward one another.

**We understand** the church as a community of people who together make up the body of Christ as

**We strive** to serve the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of others.

**We are inclusive**, as Christ was, and welcome all people seeking a closer relationship with God.

**We believe** that the questions are as important as the answers, that living the mystery is a more sacred position than church tradition and doctrine, and

**We strive** to love all, serve all, in Jesus' name, as we proclaim our mystery of faith that:

**Christ died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

## + 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, & Self-Control. **Star Sunday is this Sunday, January 10!** What will be your Star word for 2021? Go to our website (<https://gloriadei.com/>) to "spin" the online wheel to have your Star word randomly picked for you. Click anywhere on the wheel to make it spin. Click again to spin for other family members. Or contact the office if you would like us to pick a Star for you and mail and/or email it to you, or if you would like to stop by the office to pick your own Star.

**Men's Ministry meets Wednesday, January 13 @ 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.** Click to join: <https://zoom.us/j/92174908203>. Or call 1-646-558-8656 and enter: Meeting ID# 921 7490 8203 Contact Ken (215-219-8484) for more information.

**New Bible Study on the Book of Ruth: Thursdays @ 1pm. Next Meeting: January 14, 2021.** Just log on with a Bible & we'll go through the study together! Click to join: <https://zoom.us/j/515677818>. Or call 1-646-558-8656 and enter: Meeting ID# 515 677 818. Go to our website (<https://gloriadei.com/>) to view Session 1 from January 7.

Go to our website (<https://gloriadei.com/>) to watch **Pastor Karyn's New Year's message**. "I believe when we live into our truest self, when we allow ourselves to be the true part of who we are, this beloved child of God, that we act more justly and more kindly and walk more humbly with God. We don't have to change something for God to love us. God loves us anyway. God loves us despite our flaws, despite our misconceptions, or our confusion, or our doubts, or our anxiety. God loves us period."

**Care Bags for Persons Experiencing Homelessness.** We have plenty of care bags for you to distribute to those in need. Contact the office ([gdcoffice@gloriadei.com](mailto:gdcoffice@gloriadei.com); 215-947-8200) to let us know you are coming.

We now have copies of the **Christ in Our Home booklets for January, February, & March 2021.** Please contact the office (215-947-8200; [gdcoffice@gloriadei.com](mailto:gdcoffice@gloriadei.com)) about stopping by to pick up a copy or to have one mailed to you.