

**First
Presbyterian
Church**
of Waynesboro, Virginia

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COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
from the Virginia Dept of Health.

Augusta County:	166.2
Harrisonburg	117.7
Rockingham	77.9
Staunton	111.1
Waynesboro	97.2
Average/100K	114.0

Level of Community Transmission

High

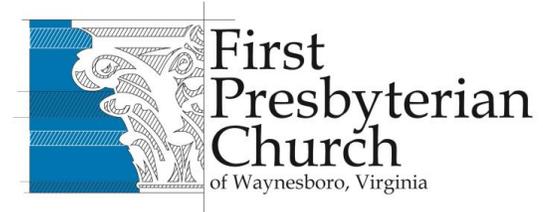
Substantial

Moderate

Low

Our Worship Channels

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Music Notes



Buxtehude

The music this week reflects the “star that beams so bright.” The prelude and postlude by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) are both based on the hymn that serves as the introit, *WIE SCHÖN leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How brightly shines the Morningstar). Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) composed the tune in 1597, which has been adapted by scores of composers ever since.

The text to the opening hymn, *Sing of God Made Manifest*, was written by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Daw grew up in the church; his father is a Baptist minister and Daw is an Episcopal priest. He holds a PhD in English from the University of Virginia, has taught at the College of William and Mary and at Boston University. Daw has been writing hymn texts since the 1980s and has served as the Executive Director of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.



Daw

The anthem this week is *What Star is This That Beams So Bright*. The melody, known as *Puer Nobis*, was published in *Christliches Gesangbuechlein* in 1568 and probably dates from an earlier time. The tune has also been set to the text “Unto Us A Child Is Born.”

The final hymn for this Sunday, *We Three Kings*, reflects the text of the second reading. It tells the story of the three wise men visiting the Christ child – and then returning to home a different way.



This Week in History



Russian Navy surrenders to the Japanese at Port Arthur
January 2, 1905



Egyptologist Howard Carter finds sarcophagus of
Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings
January 2, 1924



Alaska admitted as 49th State
January 3, 1959



Jeanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc) born at Domremy, France
January 6, 1412



First female governor inaugurated in the U.S.:
Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming
January 5, 1925

SESSION WILL MEET TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 2:30 P.M.

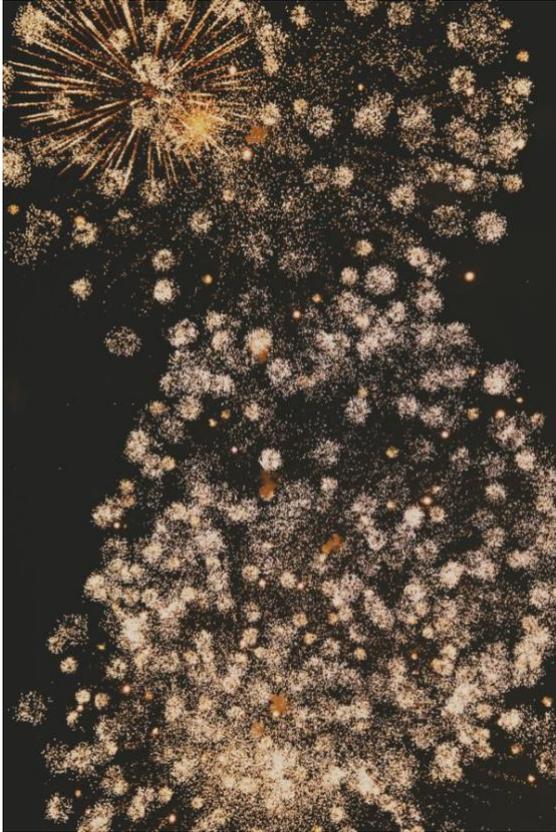
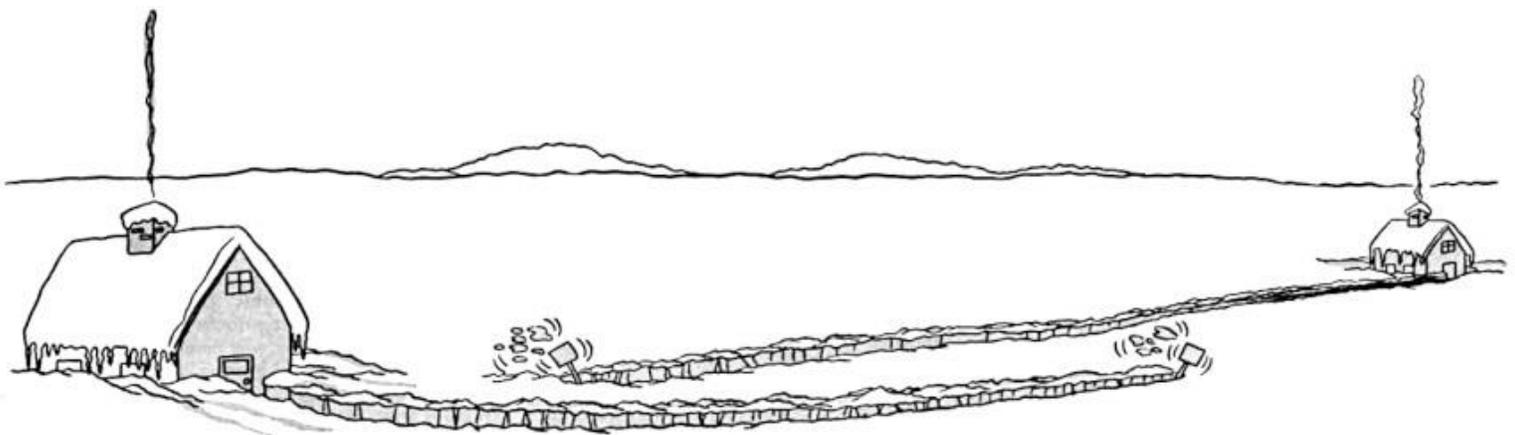


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We call the year “new” but
the ancient sun pulls the earth
along the same old course.
The pattern repeats. The cosmic forces
unleashed in the Big Bang
will continue after humans
are no more, without acknowledgment
that we have left, or had ever been.
Children know the water is freezing,
yet they splash right in the winter ocean,
joyful abandonment to this shining moment
in the now, though it is fleeting.
Let us follow into the deep;
only the present is ours to keep.



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