ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 29th, 2019

THE GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Centering Moment

* Hymn   *"We Three Kings"*   UMH 254

*Call to Worship
Leader: Praise the Lord from the highest heavens.
People: Praise God, sun and the moon; sing for joy, you shining stars.
Leader: Praise the Lord from the deepest seas.
People: Praise God, fire and hail; dance in ecstasy, snow and frost.
Leader: Praise the Lord from the hearts of the faithful.
People: Praise God, young and old; laugh with mirth, wise and meek.
Leader: Worship the Lord our God.
People: Pay homage to the ruler of heaven and earth.

Hymn: *"Angels from the Realm of Glory)"*   UMH 220

Opening Prayer:
Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness, you claimed him as your son. Claim us as your children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: **Mark 1:1-20**
Sermon: Pastor Jesse Ruch

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn: *"Go! Tell it on the Mountain"*   UMH 251

Apostles Creed   UMH 881

Prayers of the People
    The Lord's Prayer   UMH 895

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon
Leader: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, this proves God's love toward us.
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Passing of the Peace
Leader: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

Offering & Anthem
    *Doxology   UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer
Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. We give what we can and ask that you bless and multiply our offering, so that our sisters and brothers near and far may know of your abundant love and your tender mercy. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Announcements
* Hymn   *"Hark! The Herald Angel Sing"*   UMH 240
* Benediction
* Congregational Response   ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***   UMH 557

*Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit. Bold print indicates congregational response.

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<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>

Church Council – Monday, December 30th @ 6:30pm

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Broadway United Methodist Church

2233 Route 57
Broadway, NJ 08808
https://www.broadwaynj.org

Pastor: Rev. Jesse S Ruch Jr.

Worship: 9:15 a.m.

Musician: Peggy Lance

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Port Colden United Methodist Church
64 Port Colden Road
Washington, NJ 07882
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Pastor: Rev. Jesse S Ruch Jr.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Musician: Mildred Guarriello