



**Fox Chapel
Presbyterian Church**
Worship Service for the Lord's Day

January 7, 2024
8:15 AM
Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *Marc Jordan*

Welcome and Invitations *Rev. Ginger Thomas*

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Tell the good news throughout the earth:
the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Let us pray:

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 151** We Three Kings of Orient Are *Kings of Orient*

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the gift of becoming children of God.
Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (NT, pg. 2)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Two Rooms *Rev. Roger Owens*

Offering

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

The asterisk (*) in the bulletin invites you to rise in body or spirit.
Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Revealing God, you send the light of a star, and in that light we see.....

...around your eternal throne, singing their hymn of unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

God of wonder, as the magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, ...

...for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

God of wisdom, as the magi brought gold, bring your whole church, living, and departed...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Today we will receive by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

What Star is This, with Beams so Bright

Puer nobis

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Participants Today

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