

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor

Epiphany Sunday

Don Oakleaf, Lay Reader

January 9, 2022

Worship 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *An Epiphany Suite on the Tune: O Morning Star* arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wise God, you are older than the ages and you dance in the starlight

**People: and you love us.**

Leader: Wise God, you share your bread with strangers, and you welcome little children

**People: and you understand us.**

Leader: Wise God, you wrestle with the powerful and you comfort all who need you

**People: and you disturb us.**

Leader: Wise God, shining in darkness, seen by those who love you,  
found by those who seek you,

**People: we are here to learn from you.**

Leader: Kings and nations, weak and powerful

**People: all are coming to meet with God.**

Leader: Sons and daughters, rich and needy

**People: all are coming to meet with God.**

Leader: Strong and mighty, weak and gentle

**People: all are coming to meet with God.**

Leader: Starshine, moonshine, sunshine.

**People: We will walk with God.**

\*HYMN # 233 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

\*INVOCATION

**When sleet blinds us, hail drowns out our voices, and snow hides our paths, may we discern in each flake, a star, the image of the one that guided the Magi. And find that in the pain of birth, death or change, there is a light to guide us. Thanks be to God who guides us today and always. 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 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 forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 734

ANTHEM

*Bell Carol of the Kings*

arr. Philip Kern

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH *Star Words*

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

*Isaiah 60: 1-6*

\*HYMN # 231

*Arise Your Light Is Come*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 2: 1-12*

SERMON

Henry Van Dyke's *The Other Wiseman*

Kelly Meath

OFFERTORY

*Meditation*

arr. Charles Callahan

\*DOXOLOGY # 34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For the joy of giving, we offer the products of our labor for the ministry of this church, in outreach to the world. With concern for those who are poor, oppressed, and needy, we rededicate ourselves as helpers and advocates. Out of devotion to Christ, we commit our best, that the church may bear witness among the principalities and powers of this world. Help us all, O God, to be faithful stewards. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 248

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

arr. Charles Callahan

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*Call to Worship and Invocation adapted and reprinted from Hay & Stardust by Ruth Burgess; Unison Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

*Ushers This Morning: Judy Holcomb, Cheryl Bootes, George Herren, Jean Ingalls  
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire*

If you are visiting with us, welcome! Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.

## *Happy Birthday*

1/9 Carl Mabie  
1/11 Jackie Lowe ~ Samantha Lindsey  
1/12 Jill Wheadon ~ Betsy Barrett ~ Hannah Morgan  
1/14 Okke Postma  
1/15 Anne Wehrheim ~ Jerry Diver ~  
Jean Landes ~ Jesse Garrett-Larsen

## *Prayer List*

**Ancy & Kira** (Fred Henry's friend); **Keith Blaker**; **Brad Bliss**; **Marjorie Case**; **Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' and Elaine Hilton's friend); **Cathy Coots**; **Corrine** (Denise & Scott's sister); **Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Marilyn DeSmith**; **Brian Fuscaldo** (Mara Huberlie's nephew); **Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren**; **Mara Huberlie**; **Barb Iglewski**; **Peter Ingalls** (Jean Ingall's son); **Jim and Carolyn** (Amy Ogden's friends); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik**; **Michelle List** (JoAnn Reed's friend); **Loren** (Jack Radley's friend); **Lynn** (Joan Ryan's friend); **Eileen McCarthy** (Carla DeMeco & Betsy Dresser's friend); **Liz Nelson** (Kathy Ward's friend); **Steve F & Reagan O** (friends of Karen Noonan); **Norman** (Jennifer Maxfield's uncle); **Chris Pritchard** (Rick, Cindy Mullen & George Herren's friend); **Jack Radley**; **Don Raw, Sr.**; **Don Raw, Jr.**; **Sara** (Jack Radley's granddaughter); **Smith/Dworetsky Family** (Okke & Kathy Postma's friends); **Pat Smith**; **Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Betsey Stout**; **Gordon Wenner** (George & Carin Herren's friend); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason and Linda Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son and daughter); **Jim Ziegler**

## *Calendar*

Mon Jan 10	2:00	Current Events Group
	4:00	Trustees/Zoom
Tue Jan 11	8:00	Men's Group
	10:00	Rug Hookers
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Thu Jan 13	4:00	Staff Meeting
Sun Jan 16	9:30	Choir
	10:30	Worship In Person & Live stream, Sunday School
Wed Jan 19	2:00	Sacred Conversations on Race/Zoom
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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.