



# Let's Worship!

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 — 10:30 AM

Three Kings Sunday - WI-18 WO-44

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Barbara Cain; Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production Norris Clark.

## WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us for Worship Online or In-Person!

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*Dear worship online friends: Should our live stream be interrupted, please rejoin as soon as we are back online! Thank you for your patience.*

*In-Person:* Seating is limited. Protocols are required for everyone's safety, including no congregational singing, maintaining a six-foot distance, and wearing face masks at all times. Hand sanitizers and masks are available. Words in **bold** and music to be softly spoken or hummed if in-person. If online, sing aloud!



## WORSHIP PREVIEW

We are a star-struck culture. Those that dominate social media and dictate popular styles and attitudes are called stars. Entertainers, performers, You-Tubers, athletes, tech giants, and even everyday heroes inspire us to be our best. Since the pandemic began, more and more people also seek comfort and guidance from the cosmic stars as we consult birth-charts,

astrologers, and psychics. We seek light to lead us out of the coronavirus chaos and the isolation and daily constraints, the fear and uncertainty, and COVID-19's sickness and death. This week, we can focus on the Star, the Bright and Morning Star, the Light of the World, which brings real hope and a future.

This week Christmastide concludes with the last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. In the season of Light, we call Epiphany, and we travel with the stargazing Magi who followed the Jesus Star. It was a very bright moving star that came to a rest just above the spot where Jesus lay. Their long journey, likely from modern-day Iraq, led to a house in Nazareth, not a manger in Bethlehem as is often depicted on Christmas cards. And when they saw Jesus, they were overjoyed!

What star shines brightest for you on this new year's horizon? Where does that star lead you? What gifts will you bring into the year? Follow the Jesus star. It is the only one that will take you home in God's emerging future of hope. It is the only one that will make you a rising star and not a shooting star. Find out how to follow the Jesus Star this week at Cold Spring Church.

## MUSIC PREVIEW

We will sing the traditional carol, *We Three Kings*, which will stir our spirits this week. as our worship begins and after the message. stir our spirits this week, inviting us to join them on their stargazing journey. Despite the well-loved title, the Scripture identifies the gift-bearing visitors as "magi" meaning scholars, not kings. And there were three gifts, but the actual number of scholars is unspecified. Yet, this carol remains our favorite!

The scholars did indeed bring three gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts are traditionally interpreted to acknowledge Jesus as king, God, and sacrifice, respectively, as depicted in the hymn. Herod slaughtered two-year-olds and younger boys suggesting that Jesus could have been up to two years of age when the gifts were presented to him. Jesus' family would've living in a house by the time the magi arrived. The magi offered their best to Jesus, and we can be inspired to do the same, today.

**GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS: REV. KEVIN YOHO** (10:24)

**COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH** (10:27:30)

**WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO:** (10:30)

**MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): WE THREE KINGS- PART 1** (2. 1:50, 10:48)

### Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain  
Following yonder star  
O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

### Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever ceasing never  
Over us all to reign  
O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEWS: BARBARA CAIN

The Session has called a congregational meeting to immediately follow worship in the sanctuary **today** for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee report and electing elders and deacons. Members are encouraged to attend. An abbreviated meeting is planned to minimize health risks.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON):

(10:32)

**We start our new year following the Jesus Star, joyfully worshipping God... Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit who loves us right now and always! Amen.**

### GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

(1-10:32)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

**Loving God, as we hear your word proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve.  
AMEN.**

### MESSAGE FOR KIDS: WHAT WILL YOU MAKE TODAY?

(10:34)

### PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

### GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12 (MSG)

(10:37)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him." When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory. The prophet Micah wrote it plainly: It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land, no longer bringing up the rear. From you will come the leader who will shepherd-rule my people, my Israel."

Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars from the East. Pretending to be as devout as they were, he got them to tell him exactly when the birth-announcement star appeared. Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said, “Go find this child. Leave no stone unturned. As soon as you find him, send word and I’ll join you at once in your worship.” Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!

**MESSAGE— THE JESUS STAR: RIGHT PLACE. RIGHT TIME. RIGHT NOW. (10:38)**  
**MATTHEW 2:1-12 • REV. KEVIN YOHO**  
**PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:**



**MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): WE THREE KINGS- PART 2**

(2. 1:50, 10:48)

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship Him God on high  
O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb  
O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies  
O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION:**

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:**

(10:50)

**Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT REFLECTION: (07)**

**HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to show real love, grace, mercy, joy, peace... the fruit of the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.**

**THE GLORIA (SPOKEN)**

(3. 10:52)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:**

(10:52)

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## PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN)

(4. 10:53)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above the heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:54)

12/27: Carlene M. (COVID-19). Passing of Brenda Cunningham. 12/20: Dennis Jr., cancer. Nashville and all affected by bombing. Mike C. (Cancer). Mike and Cindy (COVID-19). Pam Smith and Tara Garten mission trip to Alabama. Jake L. (COVID-19). Bob A. (COVID-19). Paul H. (COPD). 12/13: Passing of Helen Lincoln. Renie G. convalescing at home. 12/6: For pets up for adoption; for a quick delivery of new vaccine to slow pandemic. 11/29: Passing of Joan Armstrong. Baby Theodore (Hirschsprung Disease) requiring surgery. Birthdays/Anniversaries: January 9 - Judy Beare.



## PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

(10:56)

**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.**

### FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:00)

Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors.**  
Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends.**

### BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:00)

### POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:01)

(Worshippers may now depart in peace.)

*A brief congregational meeting follows worship. Members are especially encouraged to attend.*

*So glad you've joined us in-person or online. Please share your worship experience with others on Facebook and Instagram. View worship at any time on our Facebook page. Invite others to join you next week in-person or online.*

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