



Let's Worship!

January 9, 2022—10:30 AM

Three Kings Sunday-Epiphany of The Lord

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! Online: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch.

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In-Person: Protocols are required for everyone's safety including maintaining a six-foot distance, alternate-row seating and wearing face masks at all times. Hand sanitizers and masks are available. Words in **bold** and music to be softly spoken or sung 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, scientists, YouTubers, athletes, tech giants, and even everyday heroes inspire us to be our best. Since the pandemic began, more and more people have also sought 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 focus on the Star, the Bright and Morning Star, the Light of the World, which brings real hope and a future.

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 the King, God, and a foreshadowing of Jesus' 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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON):

(10:31)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 (NIV)

(10:33)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,

bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: BE A STAR! REFLECT GOD'S LIGHT!

(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.

MATTHEW 2:1-12 REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

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

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:

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

(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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congregational Meeting January 30. The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to immediately follow worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 30, 2022. We will vote on amended Bylaws, receive the Nominating Committee report, and elect elders and deacons. An abbreviated meeting is planned to minimize health risks for those who attend. Bylaws are available in the Narthex.

Cape Classical Artists 2022 Winter Concert Series that begins this afternoon at 3:00 PM is *online only* with the return of audience favorites Carlos Bedoya, guitar, and Cristina Bedoya, piano with music by Russian and Latin-American composers. Visit <http://www.capeclassicalartists.com/> for more information and their YouTube channel.

Thank you for our Christmas decorations! We are grateful to so many who prepared, created, staged, and cared for our decorations this Christmas!

January birthdays! Judy Beare (1/9), Rev. Kevin Yoho (1/17), Scott Rosell-Takayama (1/17).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:54)

Let us pray: Luther Moyer, hospital. Eileen Stalford, Genesis Center. Joanne Miller, Vorhees Center. Tara and Pam Smith returning from mission trip to Alabama. Bob Michetti (Facilities Manager) severe dog bite. Susan Buonadonna, recent knee replacement. Norma G. bad cold; Rebecca M. to feel stronger. Charles Keister that he would feel better and regain his strength. Elmer Cain (dizziness); Barney,

vertigo. Jean Morgan husband pancreatic cancer. Barbara Baker (back surgery); John Stalford (back pain); Our veterans. For the friends and family of those who have recently passed on. Continued healing for Lenore, and for all of us to be well and stay safe. Nathalie Rodriguez (healing).

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

(10:57)

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

(11:03)

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

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

(11:09)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:09)

(Worshippers may now depart in peace.)

So glad you've joined us. Please share your joy and worship experience with others, including your Facebook and Instagram friends. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. Inviting someone to join you next week is a great way to be a blessing!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
2. We Three Kings: CCLI #38002
3. Gloria- Public Domain

4. Doxology. CCLI #4255578