



# Let's Worship!

January 8, 2023—10:30 AM

Three Kings Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

A Hybrid Worship and Communion Experience, In-Person and Online  
Today's worship team: Music Director- Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader- Beverly Mate. Pastor- the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho. Worship Production- Norris Clark.

## OUR 2023 THEME

Last week we introduced our 2023 mission theme, "Be Involved." As God is involved in our lives, we can choose to get involved in our community of faith and the community at large is so many new ways this year. Thank you for boldly showing God's love for greater Cape May in 2023!

*Be Involved*

Be involved in doing good, for at the proper time good things will result if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



## WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today. Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: [www.coldspringworship.com](http://www.coldspringworship.com).

## WORSHIP PREVIEW

This week, is Three Kings Sunday, the first Sunday of Epiphany. The kings, really scholar scientists, 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.

## 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, 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! We close by singing *Lord of All Good* as we bring our gifts to God. A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line as we give our selves to God and others in mission.

# **GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS** REV. KEVIN YOHO

## **COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** JAYNE McDONOUGH

**WELCOME:** REV. KEVIN YOHO

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (UNISON):

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

**GOD WELCOMES ALL** (UNISON):

**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 60:1-3** (NIV)

**“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.**

## MESSAGE FOR KIDS- *THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING* PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

### GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:9-12 (MSG)

Instructed by the king, the scholars 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!

They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh. In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.

## MESSAGE— *GIVING THE RIGHT GIFT IS BETTER!*

MATTHEW 2:9-12 REV. KEVIN YOHO



### PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC: *WE THREE KINGS* HYMNAL #66

1

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

3

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising all men raising  
Worship Him God on high

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

#### **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, God loves and forgives us to live a better life of love, joy, faith, justice, and hope.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

### THE GLORIA

(3)

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

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. To give during worship, you may use the Giving Box as an usher passes. You may also give as you leave, or give online anytime. If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission.

### THE DOXOLOGY

(4)

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.

### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### COMMUNITY NEWS: BEVERLY MATE



Plan to attend our next Cape Classical Concert Sunday, January 15, 3 PM.



The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to immediately follow worship in Price Hall on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We will receive the Nominating Committee and financial reports, elect elders and deacons, and celebrate what God is doing. All are invited to remain for lunch.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

Happy birthday to Judy Beare (1/9), Pastor Kevin (1/17), and Neil Oberlin (1/18).

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

(10:54)

Carl in hospital (covid). Gertrude Hess, in hospice care. Eileen Stalford recovering after brain surgery procedure. Bob Fite hospice care. Barbara Smith hip surgery. Eileen and David Word. Pastor Kevin, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy (cancer treatment). Dr. Regina.

### **PRAYER**

## 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.

## FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

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

## MUSIC: LORD OF ALL GOOD

1

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you  
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges they will be  
That our whole life is offered to your will.



We give our mind  
to understand your ways;  
Hands, eyes, and voice  
to serve your great design;  
Heart with the flame  
of your own love ablaze,  
Till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows,  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,  
To you with grateful hearts  
ourselves we give.

**BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO**

(11:09)

**POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH**

(11:09)

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!

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Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI #7102394
2. We Three Kings: John Henry Hopkins, Jr; CCLI Song # 38002

3. *Gloria*: Public Domain
4. *Doxology*: CCLI #4255578
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