



Let's Worship!

January 7, 2024—10:30 AM

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

2nd 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 - Rev. David Wenker. Worship Production- Norris Clark.

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.

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 PREVIEW

Pastor Rev. David Wenker's. Message is "Do You Want to Get Well"

We will be Gathering at the Lord's Table during today's service. Our on-line worshippers may request communion, by contacting the office. Or, the bread can be of your choosing. For the cup, you may use grape juice or wine, or water, remembering that Christ is the Living Water for all.

MUSIC PREVIEW

The opening hymn is "O Come All Ye Faithful." From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread worldwide by many denominations in both Latin and local language versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

The Hymn to prepare for communion is "What a Friend we have in Jesus", a Christian hymn originally written by preacher Joseph M. Scriven as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother, who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. Scriven originally published the poem anonymously, and only received full credit for it in the 1880s. The Closing hymn is "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". On Friday, December 25, 1863, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow—as a 57-year-old widowed father of six children, the oldest of which had been nearly paralyzed as his country fought a war against itself—wrote a poem seeking to capture the dissonance in his own heart and the world he observed around him that Christmas Day.

Countdown To Worship

Prelude: Jayne McDonough

Welcome: Rev. David Wenker

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): BEVERLY MATE

Call to worship

Arise and shine, for your light has come

The glory of the Lord is upon us

Look to God, rejoice and be radiant

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ

Let us Worship God

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

MUSIC - O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL, RED #130

1. O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels;
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, and
Light of Light begotten,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come let us adore Him,

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

The One who was without sin received the baptism of repentance so that we who have sinned may be covered by his righteousness. The Spirit enables us to tell the truth of our brokenness, assured already of the grace we know in Jesus Christ. Let us confess together:

CONFESSION OF SIN: (UNISON)

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You have searched for us, yet we hide from you. You have lavished blessings upon us yet we are not grateful.

Forgive us, God of grace. Let the mystery of your saving love be revealed, even in our lives, according to your eternal purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (10:50)

SILENT REFLECTION:

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (RESPONSIVE)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Gloria

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit upon us
to show us your Word,
and show us your way. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: HEBREWS 4: 14-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,[a] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 5:1-9 (NIV)

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this

condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred.

While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

MESSAGE— “*DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL*” PASTOR REV.

DAVID WENKER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty. From there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

We are called in virtue of our baptism to a life of service. We are equipped through the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us live into our baptismal calling, sharing from what we have received according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE DOXOLOGY

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**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

The Session is pleased to announce the hiring of Carol Glacken as our Office Administrative Assistant. She will be in the church office Monday,

Wednesday and Fridays from 9-1. She has much work to do and is there to help the pastor and our workers in the congregation. Stop and meet her and welcome her."

Pastor Dave Wenker wants to share his contact information with the congregation.

Pastor can be reached through the office phone number, [609-884-4065](tel:609-884-4065)

Pastor can be reached through the office email,

hello@coldspringchurch.com

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Pastor's email, david_wenker@yahoo.com

Pastor's home address is, [3 Saddlewood Dr.](#)

[Cape May Court House, NJ 08210](#)



Flowers: Sign-up in the Narthex, or online, if you'd like to donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. For more information, contact Beverly Mate . (\$20/vase).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Judy Beare (1/9)

Happy Anniversary to Pastor Dave & Janet Wenker (1/3)



Thank you for supporting the **Deacon's Community Food Collection!** Next week, we request: Peanut butter, grape jelly, fruit cups, and canned vegetables. Donations may be dropped off at Price Hall Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Comfort for the family & friends of Betty Steger, who was the loving partner of Bob Fite. Prayers for Denise in great pain from cancer. Barbara Cain recovering from Covid; the Family of Rob Riehl on his passing. The Marchese Family on the passing of Grace Marchese by Terry Moody; the John McDonough, 3rd Family on the passing of his Father Jack, Jr.; Sandy with a heart attack & stent placement, by Mary; Calvin by Elaine.

Those on hospice care: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Freddie, Jr, Denise, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Kate, Candy, Donna and Grover.

PRAYER

**HYMN OF PREPARATION - *WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE
IN JESUS, BLUE #403***

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,**

Thou wilt find a solace there.

INVITATION TO ALL: COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(RESPONSIVE)

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.

Blessed are you, God of Hope, Breath of peace, Giver of all life.....

as Jesus taught us to pray, saying,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - REV. WENKER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:24)

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

MUSIC: *I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY,* RED #123

**1. I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.**

**2. I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.**

**3. And in despair I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.”**

**4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
“God is not dead: nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men.”**

**5. Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

BENEDICTION: REV. DAVID WENKER

(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!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. *God Welcomes All*: CCLI #7102394

2. *O Come All Ye Faithful*: C. Frederick Oakeley/John F.Wade; CCLI Song #31054

3. *Gloria*: Public Domain

4. *Doxology*: CCLI #4255578

5. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*: Charles C. Converse/Joseph M. Scriven; CCLI Song #277114

6. *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow/John Baptiste Calkin; CCLI Song #109663