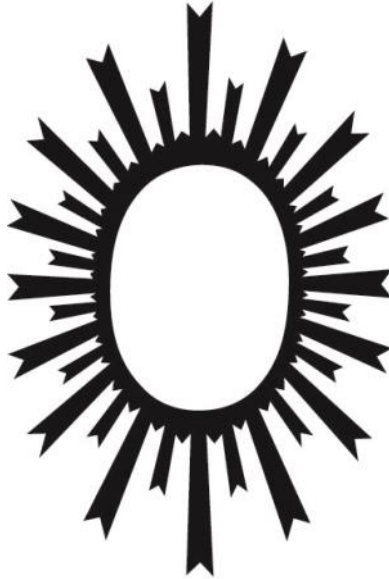


**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



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January 1, 2023 • 10:30am

First Sunday after Christmas

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright”

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord; for in mercy and abundant steadfast love, God has become our Savior.

All: Even in times of danger and threat, we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death,

One: through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.

All: With all creation, in the midst of the congregation, we praise and put our trust in God alone.

***HYMN (see insert)**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: God urges us toward honesty and God promises us forgiveness. Trusting in God’s love, we can confess together. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION²**

All: We come to you this day, gracious God, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering. Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: We ask this in Jesus name,

All: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Declare with me the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: We are freed from sin, freed to serve, and freed to celebrate peace among us.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

All: Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Holy Word, you cross every border meant to shut you out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray, Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 148”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Lauda Anima*, #82 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

***“Praise God in the highest heaven, sun and moon and stars in space;
Sing, ye angels, of God’s goodness; tell, ye ordered skies, God’s grace.
Alleluia, alleluia! Who but God your course can trace?”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 148 ©1999, Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23

Pew Bible, NT pg. 2

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Jesus the Refugee”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What Child Is This”

arr. Richard Purvis

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*LITANY FOR A NEW YEAR³

One: A new year stands on my doorstep
ready to enter my life's journey.
Something in me welcomes this visitor:

**All: the hope of bountiful blessings
the joy of a new beginning
the freshness of unclaimed surprises.**

One: Something in me rebuffs this visitor:

**All: the swiftness of the coming
the boldness of the entrance
the challenge of a year's good-bye.**

One: Something in me fears this visitor:

**All: the unnamed events of future days
the wisdom needed to walk love well
the demands of giving away and growing.**

One: A new year stands on my doorstep.

**All: With fragile caution I move
to open the door for its entrance,
my heart leaps with surprise,
joy jumps in my eyes,
for there beside this brand-new year
stands my God with outstretched hand!**

One: God smiles and gently asks of me:
can we walk this year together?

**All: And I, so overwhelmed with goodness,
can barely whisper my reply: "Welcome in!"**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER⁴

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: God who breathed the world into being... God, receive our praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: God who became Emmanuel... We give thanks for the mystery and wonder of Jesus Christ:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

One: God, we are amazed at the strength of your communion... We continue to pray our thanksgiving as we join our voices using the words we find most familiar, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and cup are offered in a basket at the entrance to the service for each worshipper to bring with them to their seat. When invited by the pastor, please open the top film of packaging to eat the bread; then open the second film for the cup. We enjoy the meal together as a sign of our unity in Christ. A gluten free option is available. Please place trash in the bins are located near the exits or in the narthex.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION⁵

All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel: you are the giver of good gifts. You have fed our bodies and souls with your very self so that we might live to your glory. Even as we treasure and ponder this good news of great joy, may we continue to embrace the wonder of Christmas in the year to come. May something new be born in us this year. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN (see insert)**

“Jesus Entered Egypt”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness”

*J. S. Bach
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist today is Norm Dell.

- 1 Call to Worship and Prayer for Illumination from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol 1* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013).
- 2 Prayer of Confession by Nancy Townley, "Worship Connection, January 1, 2023," *Ministry Matters*, December 5, 2019.
- 3 From the Sisters of Saint Martha of Antigonish, <https://www.themarthas.com/>
- 4 Great Prayer and Prayer after Communion from Michelle Henrichs, *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God* (Life in the Labyrinth, 2020), 17-19.
- 5 Adapted from Michelle L. Torigian, "All Saints Communion Sunday Liturgy," October 30, 2017, <https://michelletorigian.com/2017/10/30/all-saints-sunday-communion-liturgy/>

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S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

- **January 1—No meeting—**
Happy New Year!
- **January 8—Meet at Greenfield Presbyterian** to finalize Youth Sunday. **All grades meet together 4:30-6:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm.** *Dinner needed for this night. *Sign-up link below.*
- **Saturday, January 14— 10 am rehearsal at Greenfield Pres.**
- **January 15—YOUTH SUNDAY at Greenfield Presbyterian Church,** services at **9 am and 11am.** Sub Sale fundraiser will kick off this day.
- **January 22—Crossroads** mission service day Details coming soon.
- **January 29—Outdoor winter fun!** Details to come, weather dependent.

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> to sign up!

Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> to sign up!



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Epiphany Stars

How did your 2022 Epiphany star word speak to you? If you have a few words to share about your experience, please contact Pastor Emma. We would love to have you share it with the congregation in worship on **Sunday, January 8**. On that day, we'll distribute 2023 Epiphany star words. The stars represent the star that the Wise Ones—the Magi— followed in the sky to find Jesus in Bethlehem. Our words guide us and speak to us in many ways throughout the year. Stars will be available in the office after January 8 if you miss getting yours in worship.

Sunburst Singers January Schedule Change

For the month of January only, Sunburst Singers will meet on the **2nd and 4th Sunday** (instead of the 1st and 3rd Sunday) from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm.

No Services at FPCRO on January 15

Youth Sunday is coming! Greenfield Presbyterian Church in Berkley is hosting **S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday** worship services on **January 15 at 9 am and 11 am**. We want to **boldly** support our youth,—so there will be **no worship services in the FPCRO church building on January 15, 2023**. The whole congregation of FPCRO is invited to worship at Greenfield Presbyterian (2312 Greenfield Road, Berkley) at **9 am or 11 am** to hear our youth preach, offer music, and lead us in prayer. S.T.A.G.E. stands for *Somewhere To Ask God Everything* and is a collaborative ministry among FPCRO, Greenfield Presbyterian, Drayton Presbyterian, and Cana Lutheran Church.

Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser—Buy a Sub for the Big Game!

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 12**. The cost is \$10 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips to your order for just \$1. Italian (ham & salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted January 15-February 5**. In-person orders will be taken by the youth between the 9 am and 11 am services, at the S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at Greenfield Presbyterian Church in Berkley on **Sunday, January 15**. Payments may be made via cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo. Online orders and paper order forms will be available through February 5. All sub orders will be available for pick up on **Sunday, February 12** after the 10:30 am worship at FPCRO. Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

FPCRO's New Podcast

FPCRO's new podcast *Forging Faith: when spirituality collides with life* launches in mid-January on our website and on Apple podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and iHeartRadio. Listen to conversations that show how faith is shaped and stretched amid the challenges life deals us. Join us for a **Podcast Launch Party during Fellowship Hour after worship on Sunday, January 29**. Our producer, Seth Resler of Community Marketing Revolution, will present clips from the show and celebrate this new ministry with us.

Online Giving: Giving online is a fast and easy way to give at FPCRO. Through our PayPal page you may give a one-time gift, or you may set up recurring gifts using a debit/credit card, or your PayPal account. Thank you!



What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full-filled what God de-creed, "From
 3 While out-ward signs the star dis-plays, an
 4 O Je-sus, while the star of grace im-

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A



love-ly than the noon-day light? 'Tis
 Ja-cob shall a star pro-ceed;" and
 in-ward light the Lord con-veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em



sent to an-nounce a new-born king, glad
 lo! the east-ern sa-ges stand to
 urg-es them, with ten-der might, to
 not our sloth-ful hearts re-fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D



ti-dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com-mand.
 seek the giv-er of the light.
 guid-ance of your light to use.

Jesus Entered Egypt

Capo 5: (Am)

Dm

(G) (Am) (C) (Am)

C Dm F Dm

(Dm) (Am)

Gm Dm



1 Je - sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand,
 2 Je - sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest
 3 Je - sus cross - es bor - ders with the wan - dering poor,

(C)

F

(G)

C

(Am)

Dm

(C) (Dm)

F Gm



liv - ing as an a - lien in a for - eign land.
 with the friends and strang - ers who could of - fer rest.
 search - ing for a ref - uge, for an o - pen door.

(G)

C

(Em)

Am

(Am)

Dm

(G)

C

(D) (G)

G

C



Far from home and coun - try with his fam - i - ly,
 Do we hold wealth light - ly so that we can share
 Do our words and ac - tions an - swer Je - sus' plea:

(Am)

Dm

(G)

C

(Em)

Am

(Dm)

Gm

(C)

F

(G) (Am)

C

Dm



was there room and wel - come for this ref - u - gee?
 shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
 "Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me"?