



James Tissot, Nantes, France, 1836–1902, Brooklyn Museum

Worship for the Lord's Day Celebration of Epiphany

January 5, 2025
9:30 am

Prelude

Another Year is Dawning ("Aurelia")

arr. Mary MacDonald

Words of Welcome & Lighting the Christ Candle

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Opening Words:**

One: The glory of God has now appeared

All: through Christ our light, in flesh.

One: The reign of God has now arrived

All: through Christ, our eternal ruler.

One: The mystery of God has been revealed

All: through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.

One: With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,

All: we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.

***Hymn 152**

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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Prayer of the Day

Michele Vickery

All: O star-flinging God,

You lead us ever gently toward your promise. In unlikely ways and through unlikely people, you are always appearing in our midst, bringing greater revelations. Teach us this day to pay attention. Grant us softness of heart, so that we don't miss your

appearance. Bring us into a deeper knowledge of you as we worship and seek you on this celebration of Epiphany. Amen.

***Sung Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Michele

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

***Sung Response 136** refrain only

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Growing with God

Kristin Duy

Following Growing with God, all children are invited to return to Grace Space, or sit in the pews with their families.

Sung Response 136 refrain only, remain seated

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Prayer for Inspiration

Michele

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. This is the Word of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Beth

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. This is the Word of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Following God's Lead

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Affirmation of Faith**

All: We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed as the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out, refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth, reminding us

of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn 151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

All are invited to come forward to receive a Star Word for the year

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Michele

Offertory

American Noel

Dave Carter

Gregg Morton

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Michele



QRCode for Giving

Church Tidings

Beth

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray / The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Fanfare Postlude

Douglas E. Wagner

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Michele Vickery

USHERS: Doug James, Erin James

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Barb Coop

AV: Liz Monson, Tristan Rush

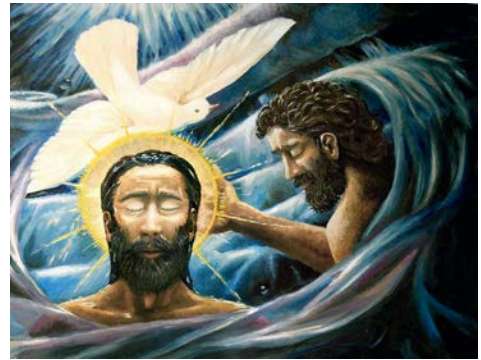
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: written by Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.

Next Sunday in Worship, January 12
Baptism of the Lord
Ordination / Installation of Elders & Deacons
Communion

Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

You Are Mine



HELLO!
My name is

Visitor

VISITING CPC? WELCOME!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 630.452.2625.

SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Sunday Feb 2
10:30 am
Sanctuary



This week at CPC:

Sunday, January 5

Celebrating Epiphany

9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - children remain in worship

10:45 am — Adult Ed: Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — Cubes - Movie Night

Monday, January 6

5:00 pm — Cuba Partnership; Zoom

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 7

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting, Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Chapel / Zoom

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Manse Task Force; Chapel / Zoom

Thursday, January 9

9:00 am — Read * Share * Pray

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

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Communion

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10:45 am — Adult Ed: Sanctuary

3:00 pm — Josie Falbo Jazz Quintet Concert; Sanctuary

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level

GRACE SPACE - A SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN

All children 3yrs - 10yrs are invited to participate in the worship service in a space designed just for them. There are coloring & activity pages, books, puzzles, fidget items, streamers and more for the children to use while worshipping right up front!



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on **Jan 5**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.



Livestream of the service is on each week!

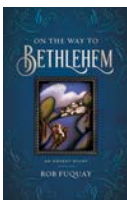
LENDING LIBRARY IS OPEN

Are you looking for good books for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or yourself?

Visit the Lending Library in the Narthex and check out a book!

There will be children's books, parenting books and general interest books. Simply complete the form for each book you take and enjoy for up to 2 weeks!

Check back often and watch our little library grow!



ADULT ED: Epiphany Book Study

Jan 5, 10:45 - 11:45

CHAPEL / ZOOM

[Zoom link](#)

Adult Education resumes January 5, discussing *On the Way to Bethlehem*, by Rob Fuquay.

The book has had us looking at towns and cities that were key to the story of the birth of Jesus. In the epilogue, we turn to Persia, where tradition says that the magi came from. The magi are said to be the last group to seek out Jesus in Bethlehem. Their discovery of Jesus is what we call Epiphany. Then, after their visit, they return to their homes, enlightened now. Fuquay thinks of this as their re-turning. He prompts us to think about our times of re-turning after encountering God.

This week, Gregg Morton will be our leader. Please join us!

We encourage you to read the Epilogue of the book, to enhance your understanding and how this study could apply to your own journey.

KIDS' ACADEMY

Open Enrollment begins Thursday Jan 16

Open House Monday Jan 20, 3pm-5pm

New families are invited to enroll their students, ages 2.5 - 5th grade, to enroll for preschool education and / or after school care. Attend the Open House on Monday, January 20, 3:00 - 5:00 pm to meet the staff and see the class rooms. Contact Director Kelley Lemley at kelley.lemley@gmail.com with any questions.



Youth Winter Retreat

At Stronghold

Sat Jan 25 9:00 am - Sun Jan 26 11:30 am

Come along with us on a retreat getaway to Stronghold Camp! This overnight trip for all 9th-12th graders will be full of great small group discussions, engaging times of learning, meaningful & fun music, great games & activities, and the opportunity to enjoy time away with old and new friends!

Please register by Friday, January 10 using this [link](#)

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal and Pancake Mix
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans
- Rice
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Salad Dressing
- Paper Products



Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

JOSIE FALBO JAZZ QUINTET

Sunday, January 12

3:00 pm

We welcome the Josie Falbo Jazz Quintet. Josie is one of Chicago's busiest and most frequently heard studio singers for over 35 years. Vocally she can deliver the Gospel power of Mahalia Jackson, rock as hard as Pat Benatar, Be-Bop with the best of them, or perform today's contemporary hits with a style and sound that will amaze and impress any audience.

The program, "Swinging Ladies of Jazz," will incorporate songs made famous by the most revered female jazz singers and others.

Josie will be joined by Jeremy Kahn (piano), Eric Hochberg (bass), Bob Rummage (drums), and Eric Schneider (saxophone).

This concert was originally scheduled for October 6 but had to be rescheduled to January 12.





FAMILY CONCERT: WENDY AND DB

Sunday, January 26

3:00 pm

Sanctuary

This concert will feature singer/songwriting team Wendy and DB - a multicultural, award-winning children's music duo. They write their songs with inclusion, diversity, love, kindness and family values, and their themes examine the world with curiosity. This interactive musical event is suitable for the whole family, young and young at heart. Click here to learn more about [Wendy & DB](#)

The CPC Concert Series is pleased to partner with CPC's Kids' Academy to offer this fun, family concert.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ART

Art Exhibit at CPC

Jan 12 - Feb 2

Embracing Our Differences is a nonprofit organization based in Southwest Florida along Florida's Cultural Coast, that uses the power of art and education to celebrate and promote our individuality and common humanity. They accomplish this through an annual, large-scale, juried exhibition and a comprehensive series of educational initiatives, programs, and resources designed for educators and students. Smaller canvas sized art pieces are coming to CPC!

Join us to expand our horizons of what makes us human and what brings us together with 25 pieces of art created by children from around the world. Scan the QR code to learn about Diversity and Inclusion in Art and preview the exhibit.



After worship on January 12, we will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony to kick off this exhibit. Our adult education class that morning will provide a chance to walk through the exhibit and have discussions about what the art communicates to you





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