

December 31, 2023



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"When the Light Beckons"

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Gathered at Federated Church: 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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New Year's Eve

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Three Kings of Orient* (J. Linker) Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *The Star Carol* (A. Burt) Lindsay Elmore, soprano
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Rev. Dan Kershner

One: Rejoice, for God has sent the Messiah!

All: To bind up the broken hearted,

One: To proclaim liberty to the captives,

All: To grant those who mourn a garland instead of ashes,

One: The mantle of praise, instead of a faint spirit.

All: Arise, shine, for our light has come.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *As with Gladness* No. 173

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Rev. Kershner

God of all people and all places, like the magi we would journey into the presence of Jesus the Christ. There we would offer our gifts; before Christ, we would lay the realities of our lives, good and bad. We offer our joy and love and laughter, that they might be made holy; we relinquish our bitterness and hatred and worry, that we might be made whole once more; through the living Spirit of Christ. Amen.

* Those who are able stand

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

Anthem *Mary, Did You Know* (B. Greene/M. Lowry) Lindsay Elmore, soprano
Marcia Snively, piano

* **Doxology** *Glory to God* No. 34
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

* **Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Wooster

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Kershner

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** *We Three Kings* No. 172

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Wooster

Sermon Rev. Wooster

* **Hymn** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 167

* **Benediction** Rev. Wooster

Postlude *Prelude & Fugue on "Il est ne, le divin Enfant"* (D. Lasky)
Marcia Snively, organ

~ Departing to Service~



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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 7th, 10 AM
Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches
"Baptized With the Holy Spirit"
Mark 1:4-11

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