

January 5, 2025



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*live your faith*

Matthew 2:1-12  
Pastor Vicki McGaw

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

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One: Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy, and for ignoring the fact that there is more than one road home.

**All: Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps to unfamiliar places. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

One: No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there. So hear and believe this good news:

**All: No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

### Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Wooster

**Anthem** *Three Kings of Orient* (John Rutter) Federated Choir; Marcia Snavely, piano

### Doxology

Tune: TRURO

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;  
To Christ revealed in earthly night;  
To God the Spirit now we raise;  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

- **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor McGaw

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

- \* **Hymn**

*As With Gladness*

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### Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor McGaw

### Sermon

Pastor McGaw

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor McGaw and Rev. Wooster

### Communion Prayer

One: People of Advent, God be with you!

**All: And also with you!**



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One: People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts to the One who was born for us.**

One: People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

**All: We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

One: Come, all who journey in faith: bring your lives, fragile and holy. There is a place for you here.

**All: We come to this table, ready to see anew.**

One: God of grace, from age to age you infuse every particle of the universe with wonder. From age to age you surround every form of life with love.

**All: From age to age you call to every corner of creation with promise.**

One: Some travelers once journeyed together beneath a fiery star to seek the treasure of their hearts. Kneeling in a stable they found the gift they sought.

**All: In this season, we also set out seeking signs of your presence and remembering how this child of Bethlehem broke bonds of oppression to pour out compassion for all.**

One: We remember a final meal. Where bread and cup were blessed and shared with new meaning: "Here is life. Here is promise. You are my beloved."

**All: As we share this bread and cup may we open ourselves to the strength of this love. Amen.**

<b>Communion Music</b>	<i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i> (J.S. Bach, C. Berry) <i>As the Deer</i> (Nostrum/House)	Marcia Snavely, piano
* <b>Hymn</b>	<i>Home By Another Way</i>	[words on screen]
* <b>Benediction</b>		Pastor McGaw
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Morning Star</i> (W. Wold)	Marcia Snavely, organ

~ Departing to Service ~

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 12th, 10 AM  
Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches