



SUN 8:15 AM  
JANUARY 5, 2025

**Worship Service** for THE LORD'S DAY  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

**FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

\* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Arise, shine; for your light has come!  
**The glory of God has risen upon us.**

Let us pray:

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are  
*Please sing refrain only after 5th verse.*

*KINGS OF ORIENT*

### INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 (OT, pg. 690)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (NT, pg. 2)

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

The Bright, Shiny World Around Us

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

#### OFFERING

*Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.*

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Revealing God, you send the light of a star...

...Singing their hymn of eternal praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

God of wonder, as the magi brought gifts of gold...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

God of wisdom, as the magi brought gold...

...all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

## Participants Today

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe, Guest Preacher

Rev. Ginger Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor ([ginger@fcpc.us](mailto:ginger@fcpc.us))

Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Designated Associate Pastor ([rebecca@fcpc.us](mailto:rebecca@fcpc.us))

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