

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all nations and peoples, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to extend your light into shadows, to bring hope where there is fear, and to make known the good news of Christ to those near and far. As the Magi returned home by another way, send us forth changed by what we have seen, ready to follow your light wherever it leads. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 (page 602)
Matthew 2:1-12 (page 783)

AFTER THE READINGS

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

"Brightest and Best"

SERMON

"Love Is . . . Revealed"

*HYMN NO. 314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

DEPARTING MUSIC

Alexandre Guilmant
"Recessional"

*Special thanks to Lia Clement
for her help in worship today.*

*Thank you to Seth Ungemach, Ahren Stock, James MacQueen
for participating in the service as the Three Kings. Thanks also to
Kris Fay for her help with the costumes.*



Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Karen Loughridge, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, and Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Grace Uhle and Warren Young.

Care Groups will assist our pastor with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the head of the Deacons.

The Deacon Card Ministry, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

Thank you, office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube, and Kim Hill.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

Please remember to leave your name tag in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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Epiphany Sunday

Holy Communion

January 4, 2026 – 11:00 AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1QRdTbMj0U>

**Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Today, children ages 5+ join the congregation for worship and communion. After receiving communion with their families, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS
“Consider the Magi. . . . They attended to the stars, we may surmise, in a loving and wondering search for wisdom: wisdom of the sort that comes to expression in a harrowing pilgrimage together beyond Arabia, across trackless wastes, across tense racial and political boundaries, into the unknown to find a foreign king to whom they deemed a certain star to belong, a king worth worshipping with their best gifts--treasures themselves fraught with portent.” – *Esther Lightcap Meek*, A Little Manual for Knowing

CENTERING MUSIC Cesar Franck
“Ancient Noel”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Marty Haugen
“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Lia Clement
Arise, shine, for our light has come!
God’s glory has been revealed to all people.
Like the Magi, we are drawn to holy brightness.
In deep darkness, we yearn for guidance and reassurance.
And we do not hope in vain. Emmanuel has come!
We worship the God who is with us, now and always!

***HYMN NO. 151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”
Everyone sings the first and last verses and the refrain; soloists sing vv. 2, 3, and 4.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of radiant light, you have revealed your love for the world in the One of the manger, the One for others, the One of the cross, and the One of the empty tomb. We confess the gap between that One’s life of obedient love and our own lives made small by selfish decisions and graceless judgment. Forgive all our sins, named and unnamed, that we might live in the light of your countenance again.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 434) “Restore in Us, O God” (v. 1)
*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (NO. 586)** “Alleluia”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS
To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning’s Live Worship or email the office.

MUSIC Rollo Dilworth
“Shine on Me”

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR
Our Loving Parent, 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .
We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .
“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,
“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”
Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together...
to be reminded that love endures forever.
We eat this meal together...
to be ready to serve the Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC (HYMN NO. 530) “One Bread, One Body”

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION
Thank you for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you, dear God, for being with and among us today. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING
*By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card: www.fhcpresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

OFFERTORY Theodore Dubois
“Offertory”

***SONG OF DEDICATION**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*