



Sunday, January 4, 2026

AN INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.
OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, January 10, PFS Presents Pat Byrne show at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, January 11, at 11:15 am OWL Parent Meeting Room 7 & 8
- Friday, January 16, at 2 pm, Mariners Gathering at the home of Greg and Marylou Belknap-Jones
- Sunday, January 25, at 11:15 am, Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

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PRELUDE

Afternoon in Paris by John Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Lay Reader: Julie Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark of morning,
the stars still shine.

In the depth of winter,
the birds still climb.

At the start of the year,
tender and new,
God is here.
God is near.
Do not rest in your fear.
God is here.
So like the stars and the birds,
Let us worship holy God..

SPECIAL MUSIC

Run to the Manger by Victor C. Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

OPENING HYMN

#150 As With Gladness, Men of Old
(vs. 1, 2, & 3)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

SERMON

What do you fear?
Fear Doesn't Stop Us

Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

RESPONSIVE HYMN

We've Seen God's Face

To the tune of Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

STAR WORDS

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Winter Wish by MaryAnne Muglia

Southminster Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

By John Henry Hopkins Jr.

CLOSING CAROL

#143 Angels from the Realms of Glory
(vs. 1 & 4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On a Clear Day by Burton Lane

FELLOWSHIP