

Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023



*Visitation of the Magi, J. Le Breton, stained-glass composition,
Cathédrale d'Amiens, France, 1508-1519.*

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Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Greeting

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The love of the Christ child be with you. **And also with you.**

The Minute for Ministry

Curtis and Melissa Barman

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

What Child is This?, Richard Purvis

The Call to Worship

Curtis and Melissa Barman

A Blessing for the Seekers

***The Carol**

Congregation

Angels from the Realms of Glory, No. 174

The Call To Confession

Rev. Susan Reed

John 3:19

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sins to God.

The Prayer of Confession

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

John 1:9,12

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave them the right to become children of God.

***The Carol**

Congregation

As with Gladness Men of Old, No. 181

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Matthew 2:1-12

The Instrumental Reflection

Jennifer Harberson

Allegretto, from Sonata Op. 31, No. 2, Beethoven

The Homily

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Epiphany: In Search of Stars

***The Carol**

Congregation

We Three Kings of Orient Are, No. 185

***The Offertory Prayer**

Connie Rogers

The Offertory

Jonathan Oblander

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star, Paul Manz

***The Congregational Response**

Congregation

**O Come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

***The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, J.S. Bach

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Mary Grace Johnson, a Musician and Gardener. Given with love by her daughter, Amanda Johnson Bass.

Prayer Concerns:

Wanda Johnson, recent surgery, Jean Henry, health concerns, Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns, Ben Thomas, health concerns

On Star Words

The use of “star words” is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year that has been growing in popularity in Protestant churches for nearly a decade now. The idea is that a list of intention words, or guiding words, are written or printed on paper stars. There are several theological statements being made in this practice:

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
2. We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.
3. By not looking or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not we who are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

Save the Dates!

Deacon Ordination- January 11
Wednesday Night Activities resume- January 11
Chili Cookoff and Parent Meeting- January 14
Bell Rehearsal resumes- January 18
Enneagram Weekend- January 20-21
Youth Trivia Night- February 4
Spring Missions Sale- March 3-4
Women’s Spring Luncheon- March 18

Framed Pictures

If you brought in a framed picture of your family to celebrate the Advent theme, From Generation to Generation; there is room for every story, thank you for participating! Now that we have completed the advent journey, you may take your framed pictures back home with you today.

Broadway Arts Academy

If you intended to register for private or group lessons for the spring semester at BAA, it is not too late! We start this week and would be glad for you to join us! You may find the information you need by using this QR CODE.



Our promise to each other:

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God’s grace.

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