

Windsor Congregational Christian Church

The Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord

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***Trinity Bells**

***Hymn**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

1. Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. Christ came down to earth from heaven, love incarnate for us all, and his shelter was a stable and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so helpless lives and reigns in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

***Invocation**

Pastor: We give you thanks O majestic and loving God, who sits upon the highest throne, who has brought us safely to this day and this moment. Refresh and nourish us with your Spirit that we may see the things of our salvation and be sent forth in confidence of your love and blessing.

As you led the kings to you by the light of a star, draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you so as to see the signs of your guidance and presence. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. As the travelers of the east brought gifts of great treasure, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your love and faithfulness. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray.

***The Lord’s Prayer (Trespases) In Unison**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but, deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Doxology** - “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.”

***Dedication of the Morning Offering**

Welcome & Morning Prayer

Hymn 172

“We Three Kings”

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice: alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

Fran Smith

Responsive Reading

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Pastor: Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

People: He shall judge thy people with righteousness.

Pastor: The mountains shall bring peace to the people by righteousness.

People: He shall break in pieces the oppressor.

Pastor: He shall have dominion from sea to sea.

People: They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him.

Pastor: The kings of Tarshish and the isles shall bring presents: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

People: Yea, all kings shall fall down before him and serve him.

Pastor: The son shall deliver the needy when he hears their cries.

People: And all who have no helper.

Pastor: He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence.

People: And precious shall they be in his sight.

Unison: (Not sung) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

Refrain

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

New Testament

Ephesians 3:1-12

Fran Smith

Hymn

“I Wonder as I Wander”

1. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all, but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, the promise of ages it then did recall.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Solo

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

“Have Yourself a Merry Epiphany”

1. Where – “The star that they had seen at its rising, stopped over the place” - Mt 2
2. When – “Lift up your eyes and look around” – Is 60
3. Why – that through the church the wisdom of God will be made known – Eph 3

Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and our bounden duty to give thanks, Almighty God, our heavenly Father. You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. With angels and archangels, we join in the unending hymn of praise.

Unison: 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.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

People: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: (Words of Institution) Ministering to you in the name of Christ our Lord, I invite you to receive the bread and the cup.

People: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of the Elements (Deacons will come to the front) Distribution of the Bread and Cup (During distribution each hymn will be played through and then we sing)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Bread)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

“Silent Night” (Cup)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison): Gracious God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ’s presence and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

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Announcements

<u>Sun., Jan. 8</u>	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Gladys J. Holland Class – Bobbi Anderson, teacher; Martha S. Person’s Class – Carter Goerger, teacher
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship – Service of Holy Communion
<u>Monday</u>	12:00 p.m.	Circle #2 will meet at the home of Jeanette Byrum for lunch and their regular meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sun., Jan 15</u>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Gladys J. Holland Class – Carter Goerger, teacher; Martha S. Person’s Class – Rita Richardson, teacher
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Church Conference

Notes: The 2023 Flowers List is on the cabinet in the Vestibule – please sign up right away if you would be willing to place flowers in church on a Sunday morning.

The 2023 Envelopes are on the back pew on the pulpit side. They are in alphabetical order – please take them when you leave the service today!

FOR OUR CONTINUED PRAYER SUPPORT

Buzz Ballard

Robert Beale

Mindi Biskerski

Ivan Bland (Pinkie’s brother)

Crystal Bowers
Steve Bradshaw
Wendy Bradshaw (Sid's friend)
Udell Butler
Greg Byrum (Emogene Babb's son)
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Christian Garrett
Family of Margaret Gaskins
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Frances Hardy
Ashley Harris (granddaughter of classmate of Mary Lee)
Hannah Holland (Lake Prince)
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Family of Lorene Johnson
Verna Jones
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Lisa Lucas (David Jenkins' aunt)
Juanita Marshall (Bobbi & Fran's niece)
Ann Mercer (Consulate)
Larry Mosiman
Sid Neighbours
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Kristina Richardson
Mamie Riddle (James' mother)
Matt Shuler
Mary Turner (Edith Scott's mother)
Stanley Watson
Ben Whited
Greg Willis
Larry & Lois Wills
Victor Williams (Marsha Hahn's neighbor)
Bill Worsham
Jim Wright

Windsor Christian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Windsor Christian Church Worship Service
Time: Jan. 8, 2023, 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Sun, 20 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

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