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JANUARY 11, 2026



Service of Worship for the  
Epiphany

**FANWOOD**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

# FANWOOD

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Brian McGuinness and David Trumpp. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Liz Smith. Our service is streamed at [Facebook.com/FanwoodPres](https://Facebook.com/FanwoodPres) and [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

## AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

## WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle ([fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com)) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



## WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email [fanwooddeacons@gmail.com](mailto:fanwooddeacons@gmail.com).

## REFERENCES

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## SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments.

*\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*



## GATHERING

PRELUDE "Twinkle Star" variation by Mozart

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG #66 "We Three Kings" *verse 1*

*We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Magi waited and watched,  
knowing something wondrous would be happening.

All: **We waited for the birth of Jesus;  
now something wondrous is about to take root.**

One: The darkness that invaded all lives  
was banished by the light of that star.

All: **The darkness that surrounds us is gone!**

One: Let us celebrate the shining of God's love in our lives.

All: **Let us become those  
who will bring the light of God's love to others.**

One: Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN #68 "What Star is This, with Beams So Bright" *verses 1, 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #23 "Gloria!" *refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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.

## SPECIAL MUSIC "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle Alexa Teebo

## SCRIPTURE READING *from Matthew 2:1-12*

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

## RESPONSE

## OFFERTORY "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" by Getty

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *the Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”  
to the tune of “O Tannenbaum” or “O Christmas Tree”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.  
Praise God all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN #68 "What Star is This, with Beams So Bright" verses 3, 4

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE “Andante Tranquillo” by Mendelssohn

Luyang Liu