

HYMN:
*What Star Is This,
With Beams So Bright*

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed,"
And lo! the eastern sages stand,
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
An endless song of thankful praise!
Amen.

HYMN: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!

O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master, Thou hast won
My heart to serve Thee solely!

Thou art holy,
Fair and glorious, all victorious,
Rich in blessing, rule and might
O'er all possessing.

Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine!

O deep within my heart now shine,
And make Thee there an altar!
Fill me with joy and strength to be
Thy member, ever joined to Thee
in love that cannot falter.

Toward Thee longing doth possess me,
turn and bless me,
Here in sadness eye and heart
long for Thy gladness!
Amen.

Sunday Worship Service Preview - January 10, 2021

Service is live-streamed online at 10 a.m.

Rev. William S. Trump

Rhonda Kwiecien, Keyboard Musician

Braden Zitoun, Soloist

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As followers of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God,
to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

January 3, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

To access the service online
go to firstchurchtosa.org - home page.

Under **Worship** heading, click on **January 3rd Service**.

THE PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Rhonda Kwiecien / Keyboard Musician

setting by Paul Manz

WELCOME

Rev. William S. Trump

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Yesterday ended last night! Today is an all-new day!

Tomorrow is the hope before us!

What's past is past, and that's good.

What's ahead is a goal worth striving for!

With God's help, you and I can come a step closer to that future hope today!

Let us reach into the future as we come into God's amazing presence today!

HYMN (verses 1 & 2)
(see page 4)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Kristen Di Ninno, Mezzo-Soprano

Philipp Nicolai

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, You have loved us so much that You came in human form. We pause now for worship, still basking in the glow of the star of Bethlehem. We remember before You His simple birth that lifts up the meek and humbles the proud and arrogant. Give us the grace now to worship You in His Spirit, that the love He showed us may rule our hearts and guide our actions. We raise our voices now in prayer together . . .

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.

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S STORY

Tonia Wallner and Rev. Trump

THE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, 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 wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter
Kristin Di Ninno, Soloist

by Gustav Holst
arr. by William Branston

THE MESSAGE

“Following the Star”

Rev. Trump

SPECIAL MUSIC

Star of Wonder

by Sally DeFord

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

OFFERING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN (verses 1, 2 & 4)

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Puer Nobis Nascitur

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Cold December Flies Away

setting by John Ferguson

Caring Corner
As of December 31, 2020

Congratulations
Lindsay (Wittig) and Vaughn De Fouw as they celebrate the birth of daughter Ellie Margaret, born on October 23, 2020.

Hailey Sgarlata, daughter of Nick and Carrie, who is engaged to Josh Erdtmann.

Born to Eternal Life
Dick Clark, who passed away from COVID-19 on Thursday, December 10, 2020

Betty Jane “Beej” Wakefield, who passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

In Our Prayers
Phillip Jacobi, who is at Froedtert Hospital.

Andrew Meser, son of John & Tracy Meser, who was injured in a skiing accident and is in serious condition at Children’s Hospital. He is the grandson of Jeff & Retta Meser.

Solo: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Text: *Christina Rosetta*

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind
made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow.

In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Angels and archangels may have
gathered there.

Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air.
But only his mother (in her maiden bliss),
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.
Yet what I can give him; give my heart.

Solo: *Star of Wonder*

Text: *Sally DeFord*

What wondrous light dispels the night
and beckons from the skies,
While Jesus sleeps, and shepherds seek
the manger where he lies?
A star ascends on Bethlehem and
sets the world aglow,
A symbol of the Father's love
to all who dwell below.

[Chorus]

Star of wonder burning bright
Lead me to the manger-side,
Light that leads to endless Light,
Shine upon my soul, shine upon my soul.

What softer gleam of light is seen
descending on the air,
As Mary smiles upon the Child
entrusted to her care?
The starlight streams, the gentle beams
fall softly on His brow,
So heaven brings the newborn King a
shining, starry crown.

[Chorus]

What wondrous light dispels the night
when Christ is born on earth?
Celestial guide that leads the wise
to worship at His birth.
Now from afar, within my heart
this pilgrimage is made.
I kneel before the infant Lord
who slumbers on the hay.

[Chorus]

Kristen DiNinno, Soloist

Kristen DiNinno, mezzo-soprano, has performed with companies such as The Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, Florentine Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Shreveport Opera, and others. She has performed in many new works by composers John Adams, Jack Perla, Jake Heggie and William Bolcom. She has also been featured in the roles of Cherubino (Le nozze di Figaro), Hermia (A Midsummernight's Dream), Mercedes (Carmen), Girl (Grifellkin), Zerlina (Don Giovanni), Angelina or Cinderella (Cenerentola), and others. Kristen has maintained a private studio for the past ten years. Many of her students have or are performing at professional theaters around the country. She has regularly taught movement for voice with Florentine Opera's Young Singer Actor Intensive.

Kristen received her Bachelor of Music in Voice with a dance minor from Otterbein University, her Master of Music in voice from The Manhattan School of Music, and is completing her Doctorate of Musical Arts in voice at The University of Michigan.