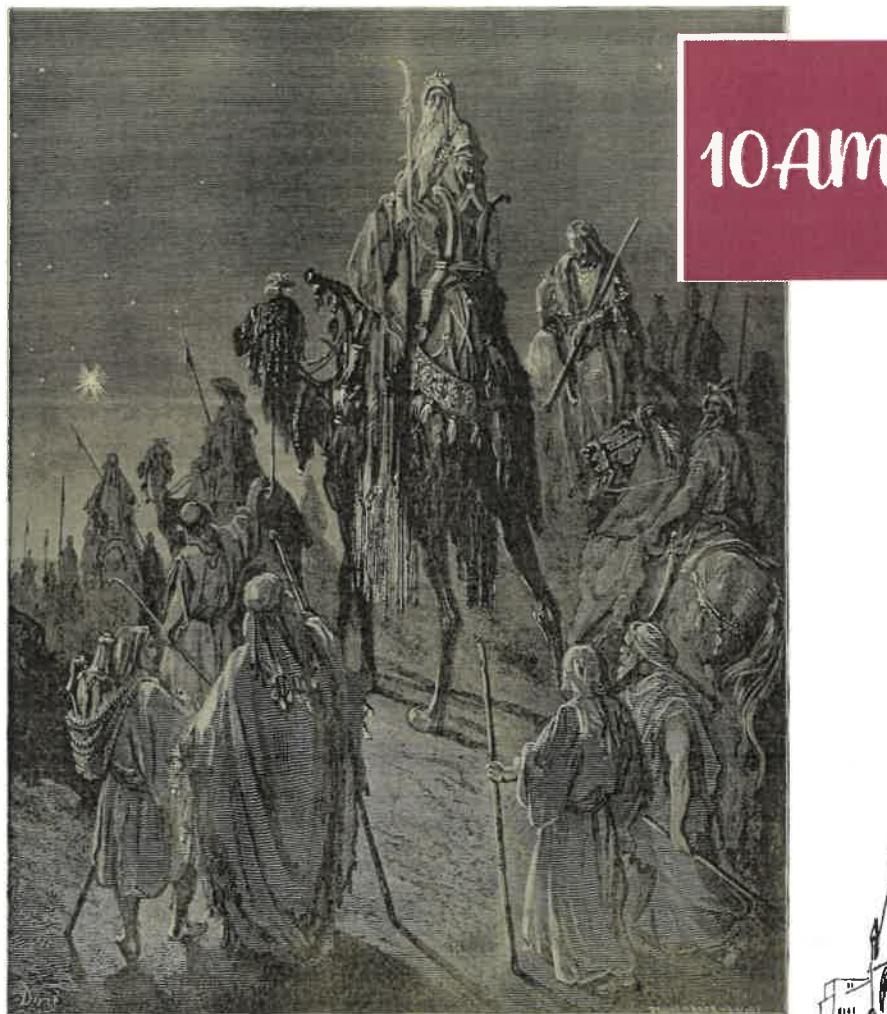


# Christ Church (Episcopal)

## Reading, Pennsylvania

*IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

January 4, 2025

10:00AM



Christ Church (Episcopal)  
Reading, PA  
10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

*Away in a Manger*

arr. by Carolyne Taylor

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn

*The First Nowell*

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff is treble clef, the middle staff is bass clef, and the bottom staff is bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five stanzas, with the first stanza on the top staff, the second on the middle staff, and the third on the bottom staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and rests.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent ly up on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their in tent,  
4 and there it did both stop and stay  
5 and of fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

## The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
Leader: The people who dwell in darkness have seen a great light,  
People: **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.**

### The Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

David Thorne

**Andante**

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Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,  
Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.  
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant : O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Hymn

## *The people who in darkness walked*

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
5 His power in - creas-ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7. Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalms of Davis*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592-1635?), alt.

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

### *Before the reading*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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.

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

All 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light, saying, hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth. For Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of the Province of Central Africa and St. Andrew's, Alden; St. Luke's, Altoona; St. John's, Westfield; and Clergy of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness; for our President and all of those in positions of power and authority. We also pray for everyone who is living in places of war and conflict; may they know your peace. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities; enliven everyone celebrating this week, especially Jill Braun, Garrett Hyneman and Elliott Brantman. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. For those on our parish prayer list printed in the bulletin, and those we name now either silently or aloud... Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, bring us the joy of knowing that life everlasting is yours to give and ours to receive, especially as we remember Violet and John Braun, Margaret Johnson and Peter Braun. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of light, in you there is no darkness; shine your light into the darkness that surrounds us, that we may know your light and be light to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

### **Announcements and Children's Message**

#### **The Offertory Anthem**

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

*Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

### **Presentation Hymn**

### *God rest you merry gentleman*

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis - may;  
re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ-mas Day,  
to save us all from Sa-tan's power when we were gone a - stray.

*Refrain*

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and  
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

David Thorne

**Moderato** *mf*

Ho- ly, Ho- ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na  
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant and People: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
People: **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Fraction Anthem

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined. The lyrics are:

Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the goodness of the Lord. Taste and  
see the goodness of the Lord.

### The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.*

Agnus Dei

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you my  
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

**The Communion Hymn**

*We three kings*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,  
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,  
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

*If Eucharist visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:*

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**  
Amen.

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Blessing**

Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn**

*Angels from the realms of glory*

(See page 18)

## **Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events!**



- February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm: CCR Game Night at Saucony Creek Brewing Company
- May 9th-10<sup>th</sup> - Consecration weekend events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours
- July 18<sup>th</sup> - Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: *Refrain*  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. In the joy and light of the Christ child, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## 10AM Service Participants

### *Celebrant*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

### *Homilist*

Chris Spohn

### *Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

*Lector*  
Victoria Wilson

*Intercessor*  
Diane Morris

*Communion Assistants*  
Jill Braun and Andrea Griffith

### *Verger*

Kathleen Harris

### *Gospel Book*

Benjamin Frymoyer

### *Ushers*

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler, Kate Schuler and Zoe Morris

### *Acolytes*

Cadence and Dalia Carvalho

### *Crucifer*

Derek Morris

### *Altar Guild*

Victoria Wilson (Captain) Doris Schilpp and Helen Peemoeller



#### CCR Directory Questionnaire

Yes; I am happy with my phone number, email address and mailing address being included in a directory for internal use only.

No; please do not include my personal information in a directory.

*Please note: we will never share your personal information externally (outside of the Christ Church community.)*

Altar Candle Memorials for January are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers are given today for the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Violet and John W. Braun, Margaret Johnson and Peter Braun from their family.

**Cover image:** "The Wisemen Guided by the Star" by Gustave Dore (1832–1883)

# The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



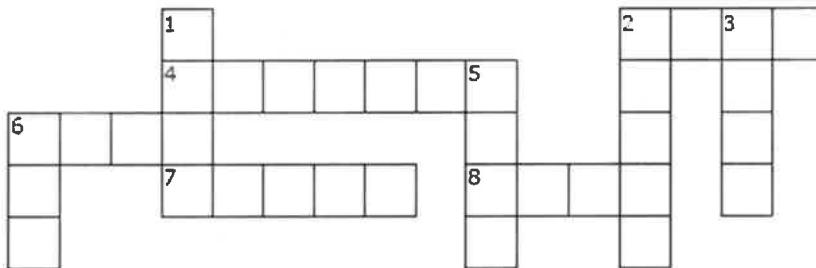
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GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
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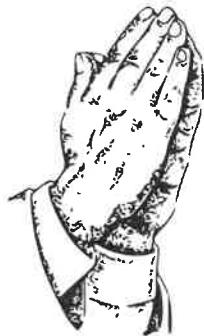
## ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

## DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI GIFTS	BOW EAST	STAR BORN	GOLD MYRRH	KING INCENSE
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**Do you need prayers?** All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.



Our EYC is planning to go on another **mission trip** in the summer of 2026. We would need a commitment by January. Youth ages 11 and up having finished 6th grade are welcome to bring friends along and all youth are paid for. The trip is planned for the week of June 14-20th. If you have any questions please speak to Emily and Caroline Wandrey, Jill Braun, or Milah Smith. **On Sunday January 11th you will be able to learn all about this Mission Trip during an Adult and Youth Forum at 9:05AM in the Parlor.**

**CCR Midweek Fellowship Hour**

Starting on Wednesday January 7th at 12:30pm, join us on the 2nd floor in the Library for a time of midweek fellowship. We will have card and board games available if you'd like to play. Bring a snack or bag lunch. This will be a weekly opportunity on Wednesday's at 12:30pm for us to gather and enjoy each other's company.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Peggy	Joe
Matt	Scott	Stewart	Jaime
Kevin and Pam	Elizabeth	David	Lisa

*Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim of-ficemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table.*

# O B E I N G

Our Adult Forum on January 4th focuses on a podcast episode from "On Being". We will listen to Krista Tippett and Kate Bowler discuss aging, living with cancer, telling truths to our young and more. Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor.

### Welcome to Christ Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us please ask for a visitor's information card. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restrooms are near the elevator (ladies) and through the north doors (men). Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

#### Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

#### The Christ Church Mission

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

## This Week at Christ Church

### **Sunday, January 4—The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room  
9:05AM Adult Forum “On Being”  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, January 5**

12PM—1PM NA meeting  
1:30PM ECW meeting in the Parlor

### **Tuesday, January 6**

9AM Literacy Class  
12:00PM Centering Prayer Chapel  
12PM—1PM NA meeting  
6PM Vestry meeting

### **Wednesday, January 7**

9AM Staff meeting  
10AM ECW Rummage Sale  
12PM The Epiphany of our Lord Eucharist (transferred)  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
12:30PM Midweek Fellowship Hour  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting  
6PM Ridam Dance

### **Thursday, January 8**

9AM Literacy Class  
9:30AM Bible Study  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

### **Friday, January 9**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, January 10**

10AM Ridam dance  
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale  
12PM-2PM NA meeting

### **Sunday, January 11—The First Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of our Lord)**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room  
9:05AM Adult and Youth Forum on Parish Mission Trip  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## Upcoming Events

**January 5** ECW meeting 1:30PM in the Parlor

**January 6** Vestry Meeting 6:00PM

**January 7** The Epiphany of our Lord Eucharist at Noon (transferred from Jan. 6)

**January 7** First Wednesday Fellowship Hour in the Library 12:30PM

**January 7, 10 and 14** ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

**January 8** Bible Study resumes 9:30AM

**January 11** Adult and Youth Forum on the Summer Mission Trip at 9:05AM

**January 21** Sts Agnes and Cecilia Eucharist 12noon

**January 28** Christ Church Service at the Highlands 2PM