



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

January 8, 2012

First Sunday After Epiphany

10:15 a.m.



Today's Theme: The Baptism of Christ and the Light of God

Prelude *The Year is Past* (J.S. Bach) Marcia Snavelly

Welcome and Concerns of the Church Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

As we gather for worship this morning, please take a moment to pray for those seated around you and those far away. Then take a few minutes after the service to introduce yourself to someone you don't yet know, with an invitation to join you for coffee or tea. Thank you for helping to personalize our Church Family by wearing a nametag.

* **Introit** *Heavenly Light* (arr. Wilhousky) Chancel Choir

* **Call to Worship** Thea Mozingo, Worship Leader

Leader: At the very beginning of time, light broke through the darkness as day was created.

All: We give praise to God, our creator.

Leader: At the end of the long Magi's journey, light broke through darkness as a star illuminated the Messiah.

All: We give praise to God, our redeemer.

Leader: On that Pentecost morning, light broke through darkness as the flame of the spirit descended.

All: We give praise to God, our sustaining spirit.

* **Opening Hymn** *We Three Kings* No. 172

Invocation

Holy God – Source of all light, we come to you this morning, as light has broken the darkness once again. We open our hearts to you, ready to receive the light of your truth, the warmth of your love, and the energy of your spirit. Shine on us and in us this day, that we may move from the darkness and shadow of despair into the life-giving light of your presence. Amen.

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11

Faith Witness

Prayers of the People

* Hymn *The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore* No. 3

Offering Our Lives and Resources

Please sign the Hospitality Booklet at the end of each pew and return it again, noticing names and faces of those with whom you are worshiping. After the service be sure to take a moment to greet those worshiping with you, especially those who may be new among us.

Offertory Anthem *Glory to the Lamb!* (D. Besig/N. Price) Chancel Choir

* Song of Dedication *As with Gladness* (v.3) No. 173

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

* Lord's Prayer ("sins")

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Sermon Rev. Throckmorton

Recognition and Appreciation of Federated Staff Helen Pointer

* Closing Hymn *O Morning Star* No. 105

* Benediction

* Postlude *The Star Proclaims The King is Here* (J. Pachebel) Marcia Snavelly

~ Departing To Serve ~

* Those who are able stand | **** Worshippers may be seated

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given by members of the Federated congregation in honor of Janet Peters, with gratitude for her more than FORTY years of service coordinating the donations of altar flowers for our church services.

The flowers from today's worship service will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

Ushers

Sue Mansour, Janet Berlincourt, Bill & Silvia Kenneweg, Wendy Pierce, Skip Riegel, Mary Ann Viveros, Jim Whitelaw

Pastoral Care

Marge Cook 440-338- 5375, Linda Creviston, KC Henry, Janet Peters, Vivian Platek and Bobby Walker



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