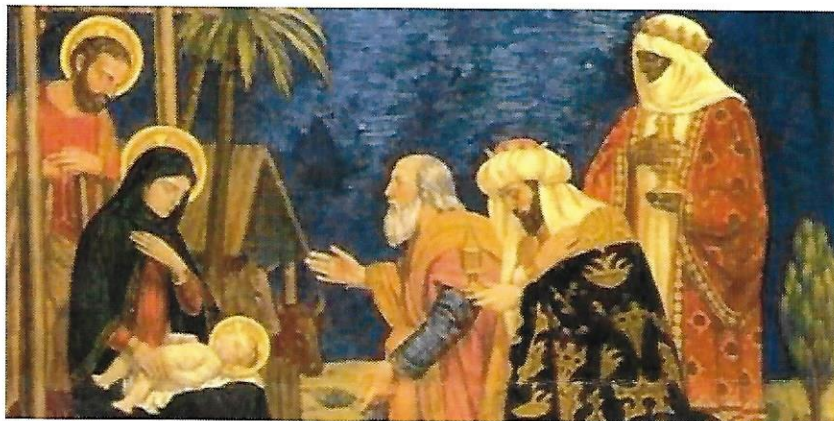




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Epiphany Eve Dinner Church

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5:00 pm

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Worship Service

Epiphany Eve

PRELUDE

Kajsa Teitelbaum

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Chris Braudaway-Bauman

SONG

Arise, Shine
Call and Response
*Arise, Shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6

CAROL

We Three Kings

*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 night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign!
Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping, God on high.
Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.
Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*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 night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

WELCOME AND TABLE GRACE

Rev. Pedro Silva

DINNER

PROCESSION OF THE MAGI

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-5, 9-11

PRAYER

Deborah Voss

SOLO

Star of Bethlehem

R. Vale

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Annika Rose Kimball Ingersoll

OPENING WORDS AND ACT OF NAMING PARENTS' PROMISES

Annika, We welcome you into our family and into our community of First Church – into the embrace of those who are gathered here, and that cloud of witnesses that are the body of Christ.

We give thanks to God for the precious gift you are, and for the love and joy you have added to our family. We are blessed to be your parents.

We reverently acknowledge the mystery of creation, the miracle of your birth, and the sacredness of the life entrusted to us.

We commit ourselves to care for your well-being, and to guide you in living a joyful and Christ-centered life. We promise to support your moral and spiritual growth, not only by our teaching but also by striving to model a faith-filled life.

We reaffirm our love for and commitment to each other, which gave life to you. We pray that this love will continue to nurture and strengthen you in the years ahead and that it will grow stronger as we grow in our role as parents.

Annika, we make these promises to you in the presence of your family - and your family of faith.

*QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Now that Nika's parents have made their promises, I ask you all:

Will you encourage Annika to live a life of faith marked by courage, integrity, and truth-seeking?

We will, with the help of God.

Do you promise to attend to your own spiritual journeys, to resist oppression and evil, and to show love and justice as best you are able?

We will, with the help of God.

Do you promise your love, support, and care to Annika as she grows into the fullness of her created potential?

We promise our love, support, and care.

ACT OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Holy and ever-gracious God, as we share with Nika's family the joy of life newly beginning, hear our prayers: **May their commitment to live with love and understanding grow deeper throughout their lives. May you give them comfort and strength in times of shadow and in the sunshine of joy. May Annika and all our children grow to be gentle and strong, and may all who watch her grow with interest and affection have cause to rejoice not only in her happiness but also in her brave and generous living. Amen.**

ANTICIPATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

FILLING THE FONT

SONG

You are Mine

D. Haas

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you

home; I love you and you are mine.

***A CHRISTMAS STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM LATIN AMERICA**

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a small village, of whose coming shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was no room at the inn.

I believe in the One whose life changed the course of history, over whom the rulers of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.

I believe in the One to whom the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the injured gave welcome and found hope.

I believe in the One who—with love—changes hearts.

I believe in the One who showed that it is better to serve than to be served,

and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations and love among all.

I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.

I believe that this world can change.

I believe that I must be the first one to do so.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, revealing your love and the light of the Holy Spirit. Bless us now with the grace we need to live what we believe. Amen.

SONG This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine...

Take this light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine...

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:27-32

SONG

Dona Nobis Pacem

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BENEDICTION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST