

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 5, 2025 ❖ 8:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Jan. 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Jan. 6 – Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan. 8

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 9 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Jan. 10 – 9:00 am Beaders Group

Sunday, Jan. 12

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Jan. 13 – Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Jan. 14

- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting

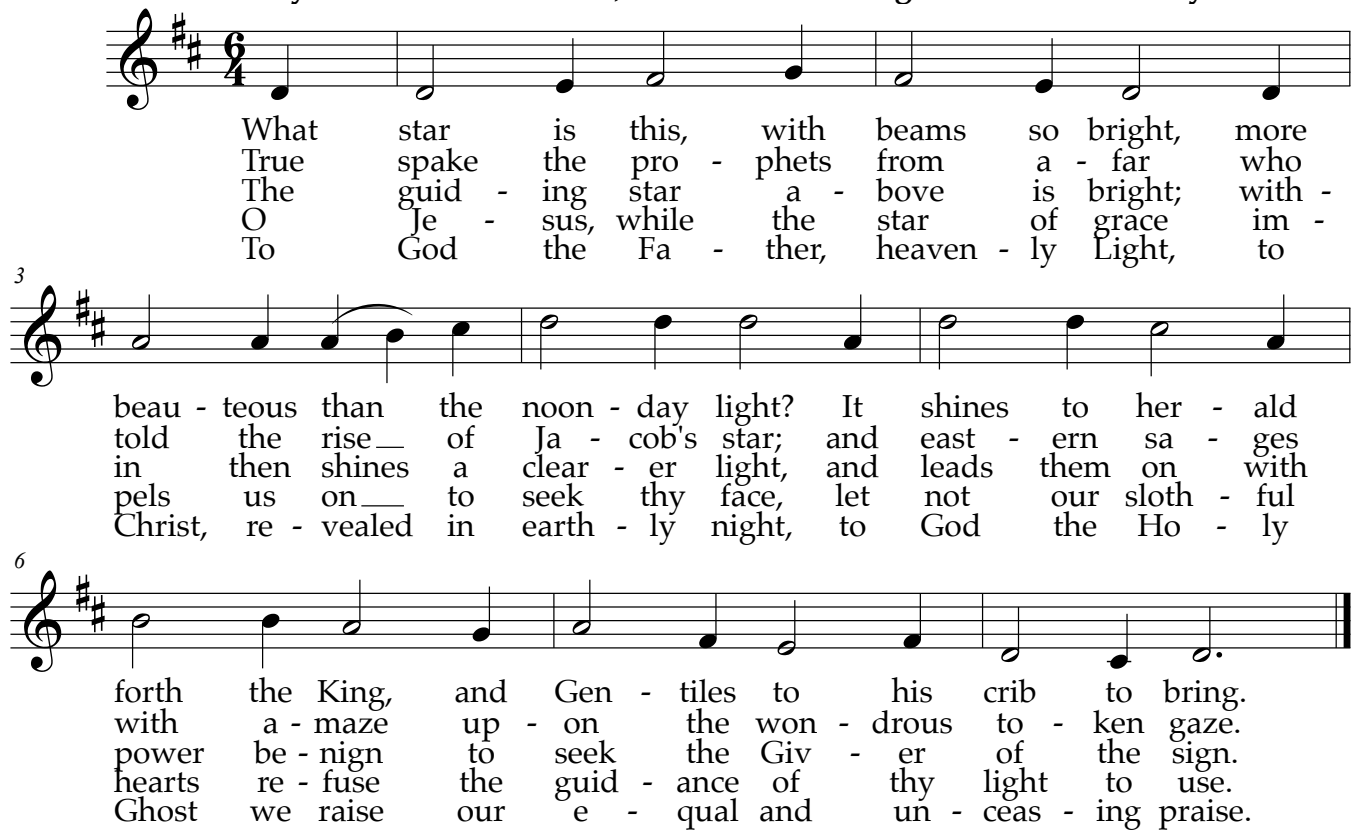
Thursday, Jan. 16 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:

<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

The Processional Hymn: What Star Is this, with Beams so Bright

Hymnal #124



What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 True spake the prophets from a far who
 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with -
 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -
 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to

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 beau - teous than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 told the rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 in then shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 pels us on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

6
 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); TR. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.
 Music: "Puer nobis," from Trier MS., 15th cent.adapt. Michael Praetorius (1671-1621); harm. "Cowley Carol Book," 1902

The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 161
 The First Lesson.....Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the LORD will arise upon you,
 and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together, they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Response..... Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Book of Common Prayer p. 685)

The Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you,
³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,
⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “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.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“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.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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.” ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

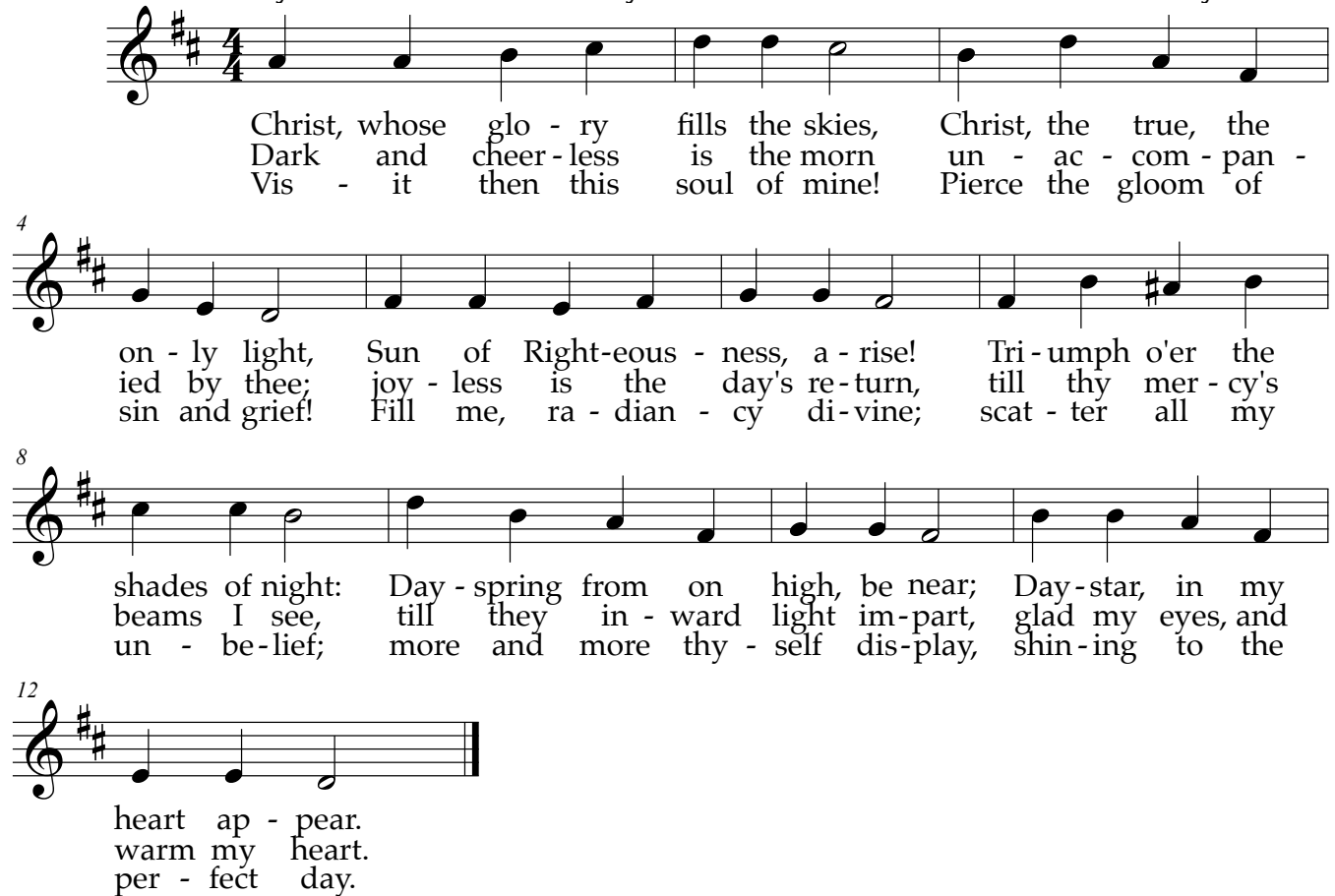
The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327
 The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328
 The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331
 The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332
 The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
 The Lord's PrayerBook of Common Prayer p. 364
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies **Hymnal #7**



Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -
 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of
 on - ly light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the
 ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's
 sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my
 shades of night: Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my
 beams I see, till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and
 un - be - lief; more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the
 heart ap - pear.
 warm my heart.
 per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Ratisbon," 1524; melody from
 "Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn," 1524; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Postlude

O be joyful in the Lord

John Rutter

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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