

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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon *Home By Another Way*

Judi Geistlinger

Anthem *That Boy-Child of Mary* (tune Blantyre)

arr. Kimberley Denis

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

People of Advent: the Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

People of Christmas, lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.

People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.

The prayer continues...

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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

We Go Out In God's Name

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

❖ **Hymn #150** *As With Gladness Men of Old*

❖ **Charge and Benediction**

❖ **Congregational Sung Benediction #134** *Joy To the World* (vs. 1)

❖ **Postlude**

❖ Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼패인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed, then to stop by the Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service. Mingle with other friends and guests, and learn how this congregation can become your church home. **Welcome!***

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pen.

Greeting & Announcements

❖Call to Worship

We come to this place —

each of us on our own path.

The path is winding,

and the path is not always clear,

and the path changes,

but we are here.

God is walking us home.

What a gift it is to not walk alone.

Let us worship Holy God.

❖Hymn #143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of changed plans,

The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home—a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.

Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.

Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.

Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life,

God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find our selves on a new path home, God is always there.

So, hear and believe this good news:

No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Waving of the Peace

Call to Offering *We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Response of Gratitude #151 *We Three Kings* (vs. 1)

We Gather Around God's Holy Name

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-12*

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They 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."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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."

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child

This Week

Sunday, January 2

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, January 3

- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Rempe)/Parlor
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, January 4

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Study/Zoom
- 9:00 AM Small Group Ministry Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Church Staff Meeting/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program

Wednesday, January 5

- 1:30 PM Pakistan Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal/Bell Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Cuba Study/Zoom

Thursday, January 6

- 12:30 PM Bible Study/Windsor of Savoy
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Formation/Zoom
- 6:30 PM Compassion, Peace & Justice/Zoom

Friday, January 7 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 7:30 PM Friday Nite Lights Study/Zoom

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Styrofoam Recycling/Church Alley
- 6:00 PM French Prayer/Zoom

Announcements

- **We are glad you're here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt** or call the church office.
- Thank you to **Professor Charlotte Mattax** for serving as our organist. **Jane Seiler** is our liturgist this morning. **Jose Pukata** will read the French scripture this morning.
- Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please mark "Joy" on your check or envelope with your contribution.
- Everyone **must wear a mask** indoors for safety.
- **If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday morning at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.
- **You are invited to take a poinsettia after this morning's service.** It does not matter whether you donated one or not, please help yourself.
- **Judi Geistlinger** will preach at this morning's 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.
- Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 7-8 PM, **we will look with fresh eyes at the history, culture and hopes of Presbyterians in Cuba**, our hermanamientos. This will be a zoom study only. If you are interested in praying with and for our brothers and sisters in Cuba, if you are interested in dreaming about a future trip to Cuba, if you are wanting to experience a little Cuban culture, this will lift your spirits during January. Sign up and join us. Send your email address to info@firstpres.church to get the zoom link.
- The **Advent Study** *Advent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield will conclude next Sunday, January 9, at 10:15 AM in the Parlor.
- **Styrofoam recycling** will be held in a drive through drop-off on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 9 to 11, in Doxology Lane. The container in the southwest corner of Westminster Hall is for weekly deposits, but Christmas often brings large pieces of Styrofoam packaging and take-out containers.
- If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.
- The **December newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.