



ARISE,
SHINE;
FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME,
AND THE GLORY
OF THE LORD
HAS RISEN
UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

JANUARY 2, 2022

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

January 2, 2022

10:30 AM

The Reverend Steven Price
The Reverend Diane Ellis
Mr. Ron Strong
Mr. Frankie Bones
Mr. Ryan Hubbell

Pastor
Today's Preacher
Choir Director
Church Musician
Technical Support

Epiphany Sunday

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate God's life-giving presence. During communion, as we partake of the bread and cup, please know that **all** who desire Christ's boundless and embracing love are welcomed to participate.

GATHERING

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude

Frankie Bones

† Call to Worship (Responsive)

~ written by Glenn Mitchel

Leader: O Star-flinging God, whose light dances across eternity,
dazzle us into your presence this new year.

Pulpit Side: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

Awaken us to your presence.

Yes, awaken us to your presence, O God, knit as it is to the ordinary.

Organ Side: Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

Heal us, that we might be healers.

Reconcile us to you and to ourselves,
that our living might be reconciling.

**ALL: Stop us often we pray with news that is good,
with hope that holds,
with truth that transforms with a Word.**

Leader: May the word of your grace guide our steps
like the sun by day and the north star by night,
as we travel into the gift of a new year.

† Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

Chalice Hymnal, No. 172

Verse 1: ALL: 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 light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Verse 2: Organ Side Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Verse 3: Pulpit Side Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.

Verse 4: Choir Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Verse 5: ALL: Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice:
alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (*Refrain*)

Mission Moments *with Kathy Schaefer*

Anthem

“Peace”

Dave & Jean Perry

Children are invited to Faith Formation activities following this portion of the service.

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 2

Lector: Barbara Coe

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Ellis

Music for Reflection

Frankie Bones

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Blessing*

Centuries ago, the wise men came bearing gifts; in their footsteps it seems we, the church, have relied on gifts coming from near and far to sustain our ministries. *Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we share. We pray that our gifts and ministries would be a blessing. Amen.*

* *An offering plate is available in the narthex for those who would like to give after worship.*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*This table is open to all. Together we are the Body of Christ.
We will partake of the Bread and the Cup in unison following the Elder’s prayer.*

Prayers for Our Community and the World

Hear now our community prayers. After request... God in your goodness, grace or mercy... **People: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (or Creator) which 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.

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Chalice Hymnal, No. 148

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem

Come and behold him, born the King of angels

Refrain:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal

lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb

Son of the Father, begotten not created *(to refrain)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest *(to refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning

Jesus, to thee be all glory given

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing *(to refrain)*

Preparing to Go Out and Participate in the Life of the Church

Beth Fulkerson will share an abbreviated version of each announcement in the bulletin. If you have something to announce that is NOT in the bulletin, please **text** it to **585.755.6310** and begin your message with the word "**Announcement.**"

Benediction

Postlude

Frankie Bones



† All who are able, please stand.

Land Acknowledgment: Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders Bill Kelly and Dan Robillard Deacons Karen Destino
ZOOM Host Barbara Coe Greeter All God's People!



🕒 OUR CHURCH AT WORK 🕒

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News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.
To access the recording, visit our
website: Cccopentoall.org.
It will be posted early this week.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT *

On Sunday, **January 9, 2022** directly following worship we will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. This is a very important gathering in the life of our church. The proposed 2022 slate of officers and the proposed budget for 2022 will be presented for congregational approval. We need your presence and input. We will also present through our Department Annual Reports the year 2021 in review.

Please attend and participate!

* **SPECIAL NOTE:** Should this have been a "normal" Annual Meeting, we would have held a potluck lunch preceding the meeting. BUT, thanks to our good 'ol friend COVID-19, we have to forego tradition in favor of safety. So... stay in your seats at the end of the service next week, enjoy Frankie's postlude and the meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the music.

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Pastor Steven via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent Monday evening.

Intent to Give Envelopes are Available

For those that requested 2022 intent to give envelopes you can find them on the table in the main office. If you did not request envelopes but still want them please see Pat Cannon or Kate Bissinger or send an email to finsecty.ccc@gmail.com.



Blood Drive – MONDAY, January 24 from 12 to 5 PM

Please note we have changed the day of the week from Friday to Monday to avoid conflicting with nearby drives held on the same day.

The Red Cross is still extremely low on blood supplies so every donation is drastically needed. Please consider helping the situation by signing up to donate. You can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **CCC Rochester** to schedule an appointment.

To demonstrate how urgent the need is for blood, a nationwide drawing is being held the whole month of January with the grand prize being a **Super Bowl Package** for the donor and a guest in LA; 2nd place is a **Home Theater Package**; 3rd place is a **\$500 E card**. Okay, not too shabby – a slight improvement over their T-shirt give-away prize! ;o)



Please consider how you might help out – either by donating blood or working at the blood drive itself. If questions, contact our coordinator, Judi Tellier. You’ll be glad you did!

A MOJO MOMENT submitted by Kathy Schaefer

The Diaper Drive

To the congregation of Community Christian Church,

We are beyond thankful and blessed by your contribution of diapers for our moms and their children. This will give us the opportunity to bless so many.

Blessings,
MaryAnn Brady
Manager at Healthy Moms, Rochester Regional Health
... AND ...



The Christmas Collection for the Open Door Mission on Coldwater Road

Christmas week, we delivered 60 gifts to the women and children who currently reside at the shelter. Some were cooking toys and others were dishes and vacuums. Shirts, pants, shoes and gift cards were also contributed as well as perfume and body wash. One woman gave birth to her baby while residing in the shelter and we provided a much-needed high chair.

Thank you to the congregation for your generosity. The managers were delighted to get these donations and I saw a child or two peeking at us as we delivered the gifts. A cheery Christmas will be had by all—because of you!

Book Club – Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 PM

Susan Dobbins will facilitate the discussion around the book “Circle” written by Madeline Miller. The Book Club meets at Kathy Schaefer’s home. All are welcome!

Hungry for Some Inspiration?

Sign up now for the CCC Daily Dish - a heaping helping of inspiration! MOJO, in cooperation with our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, is launching a new daily engagement platform. You can opt in by texting **CCCDailyDish to 43506**. Each day you'll receive a short message to ponder, reflect on, and/or share with others. Questions? Ask Shawna (shawnalusk@gmail.com or 576-5159).

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating Birthdays & An Anniversary This Week . . .

A belated “Happy Birthday” to Pat Holler and Feng Shi on January 1st !

- January 2 Brayden Calabro
- January 5 Matthew Peck
- January 6 Brian Ayers
- January 8 Susan Petersen & Luz Cruz, anniversary

🕒 THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE 🕒

Sunday, January 2 nd		<i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
Tuesday, January 4 th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	12:00 PM	Deadline for bulletin announcements
	7:00 PM	Book Club (Schaefer home)
Wednesday, January 5 th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals – FH (‘til 4p)
	7:00 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal – FH
Thursday, January 6 th	7:00 PM	RGMC Rehearsal – FH
Saturday, January 8 th	10:00 AM	Girl Scouts – FH (‘TIL 11:30A

Sunday, January 9th

10:30 AM Hybrid Worship – Please wear a mask.

10:45 AM Children leave for Faith Formation Activities

11:35 AM Annual Congregational Meeting