
**Fullerton First  
United Methodist Church**  
 Epiphany Sunday  
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 January 3, 2010

*Worship clears the mind and strengthens the Soul. Our Worship begins with the first notes of the Prelude. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to seek and praise our Creator.*

\* (Indicates: If you are able, please stand)

PRELUDE "Noel Etranger" Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist  
L. C. Daguin, Composer

\* HYMN #254 "We Three Kings"

WELCOME & ANOUNCEMENTS (If you request a prayer, you may fill out a prayer request card located in the back of each pew. Our Acolytes will pick up your request during the Anthem).

\* SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE (Please stand and greet those around you.)

INTROIT The Aldersgate Chorale  
Matt Ringer, Director of Music

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Leader: Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

Because you are a God of change and steadfastness,

People: **we come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses.**

Leader: Because you are a God of hope,

People: **we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.**

Leader: Because you are a God of love,

People: **we know that you accept the mistakes of the past.**

Leader: Because you are the God of our faith,

People: **we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you.**

All: Amen.

**UNISON PRAYER**

Beckoning God, you called the rich to travel toward poverty, the wise to embrace your mystery, the powerful to know their own frailty. You gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to earth. We lay ourselves open to your signs for us. Stir us up with holy discontent over a world which gives its gifts to those who have plenty already, whose talents are obvious, and whose power is recognized. Help us both to share our resources with those who have little and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us. Rise within us, like a star, and make us restless till we journey forth to seek our rest in you.

*(adapted from "Rise Within Us Like a Star" by Kate Compston in Shine On, Star of Bethlehem by Geoffrey Duncan, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2002, p. 224)*

**ANTHEM**

The Aldersgate Chorale

"This Little Babe" from *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten

This Little Babe so few days old,  
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;  
All hell doth at his presence quake,  
Though he himself for cold do shake;  
For in this weak unarmèd wise  
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,  
His naked breast stands for a shield;  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,  
His martial ensigns  
Cold and Need,  
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,  
His bulwark but a broken wall;  
The crib his trench, haystalks he stakes;  
Of shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;  
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward;  
This little Babe will be thy guard.

If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

**OUR TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

(Children, please come forward and join us for Our Time with the Children)

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19: 14

\* HYMN #2094

"Carol of the Epiphany" (vs. 4 & 5)  
(from "The Faith We Sing")

See insert

Herman Hope, Soloist  
Nathan Landmon, Soloist  
Matt Ringer, Soloist

**SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please sing)**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 2: 1-12

Page 1, New Testament, NRSV Holy Bible

SERMON

"Epiphanies from the Wise Men"

Becca Cramer, Seminary Intern

**SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES**

"He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."  
- Proverbs 22: 9

OFFERTORY

"The Holly and the Ivy" & "Mary had a Baby", by N. Rawsthorne

Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

\* DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See insert

\* HYMN # 2095

"Star Child"  
(from "The Faith We Sing")

See Insert

\* BENECTION (Congregation, please join hands. We invite you to remain in our Sanctuary and listen to the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE "In Dulci Jubilo" Hyecheon Kim, Organist/Pianist  
J. S. Bach, Composer

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During our Worship Services we ask that you silence all cell phones, pagers and all other communication devices. Thank you.



**PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

Jerry Miller is recuperating from knee surgery.  
Ruth Rogers as she continues treatments for Cancer.  
Rev. Bob Rohdenburg as he continues to suffer with a brain tumor.  
Many blessings to Tom & Olive Stodgel as they move to Walnut Creek.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This morning's presentation is from:*

Kathy Norris in memory of her mother,  
Marjorie Haines.



**ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP**

Becca Cramer, Seminary Intern, preaching  
Kathy Norris, Liturgist  
Rev. Frank Knouse, Assisting with Communion  
The Aldersgate Chorale  
Matt Ringer, Director of Music  
Hyecheon Kim, Organist/Pianist  
Herman Hope, Soloist  
Nathan Landmon, Soloist  
Matt Ringer, Soloist  
Sami Galea, Acolyte  
Floyd Allen, Sound  
Ushers: Mary Marcus, Captain; Fran & Bruce Mueller,  
Linda Heiss, Vicki Johnson

**F.Y.I.**

Those with little children under age 3 years are welcome to place your child in the loving care of our caregivers in our nursery. Our ushers will gladly direct you to the nursery which is open each Sunday starting at 9:45AM.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available for those who need them. Please ask one of our Ushers for help.

To reach us: 114 North Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832  
Telephone: 714-871-4115  
[mail@ffumc.net](mailto:mail@ffumc.net)

Sunday School is available for Children grades Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Children and Youth leave to attend Sunday School after the Children's Time.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

WE ARE HOPING TO EXPAND THE CHURCH WITH A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "LUNCH WITH GOD" WHICH SHALL BEGIN ON JANUARY 17 AT 11:45 IN ROOM 219. Yes, some food will be provided for us to munch on while we discuss topics we find relevant to us currently, Bible passages and how one may influence they other. Where this is aimed towards young adults there is no age limit. Our aim is for this to be a time of fellowship and community. Please contact Julia Hastings for more information.

BEGINNING JANUARY 2010, PASTOR KEITH WOULD LIKE TO LAUNCH A E-MINISTRY CALLED "TELEIOS LIFE". Teleios is the Greek word that means growing into wholeness and maturity. Those who are on the email list for the Good News would receive an invitation to sign up for his e-devotions that will be sent out two or three times a week. Pastor Keith hopes that these e-devotions will be short (no more than 2 minutes to read) and inspirational and deal with life issues we struggle with. You will have an option of unsubscribing from the mailing list if you don't want to receive these e-devotions. The e-devotions would be easily shared with your family and friends. Pastor Keith will provide a link where people can send in their thoughts and questions.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE "POINSETTIA RIBBONS" TOTALED \$1,260!  
THANK YOU FOR HELPING FEED THE HUNGRY WHO LIVE IN OUR CITY.

FOR THOSE WHO HAD A "POINSETTIA RIBBON(S)" PLACED ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND WISH TO KEEP THEM, YOU MAY PICK THEM UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

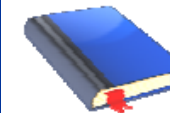
Throughout the year we collect food items such as canned goods, boxed goods, pasta, rice, beans, diapers, and household cleaning supplies, and personal care products that are taken to the F. I. E. S. Warehouse for distribution to those in need. Bring your donations to the Church Office.

We have a "Hot Meals Ministry" which serves a hot meal to about 175 hungry people. We serve these meals at the First Christian Church, located on the corner of Harbor and Wilshire, the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:00PM.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held in our building – Monday nights starting at 7:00PM and Friday nights starting at 7:00PM in Room # 250.

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services (F. I. E. S.) Shelter Network (shelter for those individuals who are searching for work and places to live) is now housed in our Fellowship Hall.

The first Saturday of each month is a paper drive with all proceeds going to support the "Chapel on Wheels" program. Paper of any kind is accepted from 9:00AM to Noon at the Southeast corner of Chapman and Raymond, Southeast corners of Chapman at Euclid and on Laguna Road between Valencia Mesa and Bastanchury.



As most of you know, I (along with permission from our Trustees) have been condensing the books from our unused library and moving some of those books into the new shelves in our current Bride's Room. The old library is being turned into a much needed storage room for stuffs used during our church's functions and worship services. Each book in the old library has been carefully and prayerfully "looked over". The books that are being kept are now put in the new library/Bride's/Pathfinders/Meeting Room. We will be donating the books left in the old library to needy organizations. During the next few weeks, we would like to offer the books left in the old library to our congregation and friends. Please feel free to come in and look at the books and take any you would like for your personal reading. A free will donation for each book you take would be appreciated (to help cover some shipping fees). The library will be open during the church's office hours and on Sunday mornings starting January 4th. There is alot of good reading in the old library. Please remember - if you take a book(s) - please do not return any books to the library - the book(s) you take are your's for the keeping at your homes. And the church is not accepting any new books for our library at this time.

- Louise, FFUMC Ofc. Admin.