



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister  
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister  
Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister  
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music

**January 2, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude

Introit: *Wake, O Wake!*

Phillip Nicolai, arranged by J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Candle

\*Processional Hymn: #168      “As With Gladness Men of Old”

\*Call to Worship:

Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers no longer leads the way,

**The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.**

We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old.

**Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.**

Though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

**We offer ourselves and what we have.**

The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ waiting to be discovered.

**Let us worship God.**

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #170      “Wise Men Seeking Jesus” (Verses 1 and 5)

A New Year's Story, Part I: Star Lady, by Katherine Paterson

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Nativity Carol*

John Rutter

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 2: 1-15

\*Hymn: #162      “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

A New Year's Story, Part II: Star Lady, by Katherine Paterson

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

The image shows a musical score for a pastoral prayer response. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

\*Hymn: #161 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

A New Year's Story, Part III: Star Lady, by Katherine Paterson

\*Hymn: #167 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Benediction

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

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**We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that "each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit." The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING  
IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022,  
AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.**

**Annual reports from Boards and Committees are due  
Friday, January 7, 2022.**

*Please send as a Word Document to [fccol@fccol.org](mailto:fccol@fccol.org).*

*The image on the cover, "Three Kings" was created by Annette Gandy Fortt.*

**A Word About Masks and Covid Safety:** We are asking that everyone mask indoors in order to support health safety measures. In addition, we will continue to open the Meetinghouse windows for proper ventilation, so please dress accordingly as the weather becomes cooler. We'll do our best to offer guidelines that make our life together as safe as possible.

**The Partnership Store** across from the Fellowship Hall will be open following Sunday services. Haitian arts and crafts, Lakota jewelry and crafts, Palestinian crafts, soaps and olive oil, as well as handmade items from Ladies Who Stitch are all available for your shopping pleasure. Come shop with us - all proceeds go directly to charitable causes.

**ARC Blood Drive:** There will be a Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, January 5, from 9:00-6:00. All individuals at blood drives must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status.

**Bible Study:** Becky's Bible Study will only meet once during the month of January. January 6th is Epiphany, a day that celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. On this special day we will look at the story of Three Kings and all its symbolism.

**Habitat Build Day - Saturday, January 8th:** We're gathering volunteers for a day of home construction with Habitat for Humanity. We'll be working on a project in Norwich. We need a team of 10-12 volunteers who are willing to swing a hammer or help in other relevant ways. No construction expertise is necessary. If you're interested, please email the church office for instructions.

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**Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week**

*Yoga Tuesday, January 4 at 5:30 pm on Zoom.*

*Blood Drive Wednesday, January 5 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.*

*Senior Choir Wednesday, January 5 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.*

*Bible Study Thursday, January 6 at 11:00 am on Zoom.*

*Yoga Thursday, January 6 at 5:30 pm on Zoom.*

*Habitat Build Saturday, January 8 at 8:30 am.*