



**The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme**  
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**NEW YEARS DAY  
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 1, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

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Prelude

Introit

\*Processional Hymn: #136      “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

\*Call to Worship (based on the African American spiritual):

There's a star in the East this Christmastide;  
**Rise up shepherd and follow.**  
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born;  
**Rise up shepherd and follow.**  
If you take good heed to the angel's words;  
**Rise up shepherd and follow.**  
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds;  
**Rise up shepherd and follow.**  
**Disclosed in stars and secret moonlit pathways...**  
**Let us worship God!**

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn: #157      “Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

\*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 Reading: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

\*Hymn: #154      “In the Bleak Midwinter” (verses 1 and 4)

An Unseasonal Story for New Year's Day: **The Museum of Rain, Part I**, by Dave Eggers

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Bass) and two piano accompaniment staves. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment.

An Unseasonal Story for New Year's Day: **The Museum of Rain, Part II**, by Dave Eggers

\*Hymn: #144 "O Come, Little Children"

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.**

**Happy New Year everyone!**

Annual reports from Boards and Committees are due Wednesday, January 11, 2023.  
**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023,  
AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.**

The host for Fellowship Hour today is Cathy Mathis.

**Epiphany Service & Potluck:** Join us on Friday, January 6th, at 6:00, for our First Annual Epiphany Service and Celebration. Epiphany, known also as Three Kings Day, or Twelfth Night, is celebrated in communities all around the world, as the journey of the three wise men in search of the infant Christ child is commemorated. We too shall gather on that night in order to commence our own search for wisdom in the coming year. At 6:00, we'll gather in the Meetinghouse for a brief candlelit service, in which we'll journey from darkness into light. Following that, we'll gather for a potluck party in the Fellowship Hall, complete with music, food, and joyful conversation. Bring a dish to share at the common table, and join us for this new holiday tradition.

**God's Neighborhood Sunday School** meets weekly during the school year during the 10:00 am church service. In the second half of our Sunday school year, we'll continue with our theme of *The Deep Blue Sea: Sacred Stories of Care for One Another and the Earth* and explore the sacred gift of water and its importance to our world. We'll be reading gospel stories of Jesus with his friends and learning about how different countries and communities use and depend on water for life. As our Lakota friends have taught us, "Mni Wiconi," "*Water is Life!*" All children Pre-K-grade 8 are welcome to join us. We offer a nursery for those younger children as well starting at 9:55 am. We will resume God's Neighborhood on January 8th, 2023.

Our Youth Group, Pilgrim Fellowship, of Middle and High School students meets 1-2 times a month for social and service projects. Our next meeting is Sunday, January 22nd, from 4-6 pm for a taco dinner and movie. Bring a friend!

**2023 Offering Envelopes.** For those of you who have desired offering envelopes for 2023, they're in the connector for you to pick up.

**Save the Date:** Chili Cookoff, Friday night, February 3rd, 6-8 pm

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**Calendar of Events and Meetings**  
**Office Closed** *Monday, January 2.*  
**Senior Choir** *Wednesday, January 4.*  
**Epiphany Service & Potluck** *Sunday, January 6 at 6:00 pm.*