

**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 12, 2025**

**Prelude**      *The Holly and The Ivy*      Arr. David Hicken      Faye Chen  
**Welcome**      Rev. Greg Mobley

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**      *Psalm 29:1-11*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**People: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**Kids' Church**      Children are welcome to meet in the entrance area of the sanctuary      Nicole Giannetta  
for Kids Church in the Parish House.

**\*Gathering Hymn**      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*      #143 Red Hymnal

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 night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
king forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *[Refrain]*

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God on high. *[Refrain]*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *[Refrain]*

Glorious now behold him arise, king and God and sacrifice;  
alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. *[Refrain]*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Scripture**      *Matthew 2:1-12* (pg. 835 in your pew Bible)

**Sermon**      *Epiphany*

**\*Hymn**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

#202 Red Hymnal

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love and sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name. Amen.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

**Service of Prayer**

Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts)

**Offering**

Call to Offering

Choir Anthem      *Christmas Sanctus*      By Lee Dengler

Faye Chen & Choir

\*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; (or) Praise God, from Whom All blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;      Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;      Praise God for all that love has done;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.      Praise Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

#345 Red Hymnal

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King!

*[Refrain]* Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,  
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wonderous praises speak. *[Refrain]*

With voices as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the hymns our fathers loved, the psalms of ancient days. *[Refrain]*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. *[Refrain]*

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,  
as warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day! *[Refrain]*

Praise him who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God for evermore! *[Refrain]* Amen.

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

*O Mio Babbino Caro*      By Giacomo Puccini

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

# CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM

January 26, 2025, 11:15 AM

The January Congregational Meeting of FCCW is hereby called:

1. To hear the Treasurer's Annual Fiscal Report
2. To adopt the Final Annual Budget for 2025
3. To elect the FCCW Treasurer
4. To elect members of the Board of Stewardship and members of the Nominating Committee
5. To hear and approve plans advanced by the FCCW Church Council and any other business which might come before the group

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Stoddard, Clerk



## CHAMPLAIN TRIO TO PERFORM CLASSICAL CONCERT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st at 3:00 p.m.

Woodbridge First Church of Christ  
5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge



Please join us in welcoming Vermont's acclaimed Champlain Trio. The Church will be hosting this trio in their Timeless Trios program, featuring Letitia Quante on violin, Hiromi Fukuda on piano, and Emily Taubl on cello.

It will be an afternoon of inspiring chamber music featuring works by Clara Schumann and Ludwig van Beethoven. All are welcome.

There will be a freewill offering.

The Music Committee will be hosting a reception in the Parish House after the concert. For more information, call the church office, 203-389-2119.

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Parish Hall, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT  
For more info: 203-936-9356

