

Epiphany Sunday—Star Words
January 3, 2020
#BiggerBalcony



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10:00 am

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Please sign in to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!
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PRELUDE

"Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum
by Claude Debussy

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Weasley

OPENING HYMN

“Brightest & Best”
by Reginald Heber



1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2. Say, shall we yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
3. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
4. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid,
O - dors of E - dom and of - f'ings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Myrrh from the for - est, or gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.

SCRIPTURE READING

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

There are several options for giving: 1) Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 2) Give at our website, <https://fcb.net/giving/>. 3) Use the GivePlus app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give! 4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to 208-516-2657, and set up your account. You're ready for easy giving by text! 5) Give by PayPal. Our easy link is [PayPal.Me/fcbbucc](https://www.paypal.com/mefcbbucc).

If you have not yet returned your pledge form for 2021, please do so to help us continue to Innovate Church and Sustain Community! Thank you.

OFFERTORY

David Wesley

SERMON

Sarah Murphy-Kangas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Wesley

The Prayer of Jesus

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:
"Our Creator," "Our Father" or "Our Mother."*

Our Creator

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 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 and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am the Light of the World” I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Text: In response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman

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*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

BENEDICTION

David Weasley

POSTLUDE

“Postludium”

By Ernst von Dohnányi

Stay online for a few minutes to chat with the pastors and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Monday**
 - Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm**
 - Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday**
 - Book Club, **First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**
 - Bible Study for Everyone **on break until January 12**
 - PJs & Storytime **on break until the New Year**
- **Wednesday**
 - Adult Forums on break **until the New Year**
 - Faith Formation for Children & Youth **until the New Year**
 - Advent Wednesday Worship, **7:30 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - Morning Coffee Group: **1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am**
 - Poetry Writing Group, **1:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursday**
 - Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - Mystery Book Club, **1st Friday, 1:00 pm.**
 - Coffee Hour, **2nd & 4th Fridays. 1:00 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - Create & Check In, **every other Saturday, 10:00 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, [https://www.fccb.net/blog/..](https://www.fccb.net/blog/)

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

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You can also email our Office Manager
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and she'll pass your message on.

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MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

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