

Home by Another Route

January 2, 2022



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 2, 2022

10:00 am

If you're worshipping in person today, please hum along with the music!

PRELUDE

Penelope Keep

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacy Malone-Miller

One Voice: The Magi come from Afar,

All Voices: Following the star, seeking Love.

One Voice: We come from near and far,

All Voices: following many stars, seeking Love.

One Voice: The Magi bring gifts, familiar and strange.

All Voices: We bring our own selves, mundane and magical.

One Voice: The Magi met a child, and went home changed.

All Voices: We seek Christ, and expect a new way home.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

WHITNEY



A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12
New Revised Standard Version

Stacy Malone-Miller

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Stacy Malone-Miller

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.**

STAR WORDS MEDITATION

Tammi Laninga

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Epiphany Food Offering

Davi Weasley

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Home by Another Way”
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KINGS OF ORIENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Stacy Malone-Miller

There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fccb.net/giving/>.

- 2) .Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 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/fccbu](https://www.paypal.com/mefccbu).*

Offertory

Penelope Keep

STAR WORD REFLECTION

Anna Lawson

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Penelope Keep

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Davi Weasley

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.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*If you're joining us from home, gather something to eat and drink;
the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.*

If you're worshipping in person today, you may come forward to receive communion. Stay distanced, please; and remove your mask briefly. If you wish to remain seated, someone will come around to you in your seat. Just raise a hand or indicate that you would like communion as they come around, remembering that if you come forward you will be on the video.

STAR WORD REFLECTION

Davi Weasley

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Penelope Keep

Let us know you're here! Go to Worship Connect <http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect> to sign in.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The office is closed **Monday, January 3** for the New Year Holiday.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Hybrid worship in person and on Facebook Live, our #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, 7:00 pm**
 - ◆ Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - ◆ Adult Forum: **weekly, 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Afternoon Coffee Group: **2nd & 4th Friday, at 1:00 pm**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Spirit Group (Exploring Prayer), **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Creative Connections, **1st Saturdays, 10:00 am**
- **Sunday**
 - ◆ Youth Group, **Sundays, 12:00 noon**

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/>.

Cover Image: “The Wise Men’s Dream” by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by Matthew 2:1-12. Digital painting. Artist’s Statement: *The Wise Men follow the direction of the shimmering, dotted lights of the night sky, and receive instruction in the subconscious world of sleep. They are ready and willing to discern God’s will in the outward, tangible signs of Creation, as well as the inner contours of their own minds. God is in it all, and they are paying attention. Is this what it means to be wise?*

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.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually or in person, with masks. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

Davi: davi@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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& MISSION: Davi Weasley

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

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Skyler Spain

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