

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Pastor.....Joel Gibbel, pastor@yorkfirst.org
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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Kim Witkovsky
Children's Time.....Pastor Joel
Audio/Visual.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**, Justin Tomevi
.....Rob Wuhrman, John Anderson, Mary Esther Anderson
Today's Greeters.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Next Week's Greeters.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Nursery Attendants.....Michele Gibbel & Christine Wuhrman

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need that a deacon may help you with, please contact your deacon or contact the church office or Pastor Joel.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday. To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org

Worship attendance last Sunday: 95

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Journeys of Faith”

Matthew 2:1-15



January 5, 2025



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*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

10:30 AM

January 5, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"* Hopkins arr. Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a
guiding star!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The people who live in the shadows see a
glorious light!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils what was
formerly hidden, awakening us to God's everlasting
love by his gospel!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord,

People: **for God has done wondrous things!**

***HYMN** *"The first Noel, then angel did say"* #199(v3-5)

***INVOCATION**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Joel

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Hallelujah, Christ Is Born"* Grier, Everson

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Joy to the World with Hallelujah Chorus"* (from Messiah)
Handel arr. Fettke

*Offering Response *"Praise God from whom"* #119(v1)

*Prayer of Blessing

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-15 (Page 835)

MESSAGE

"Journeys of Faith"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"As with gladness men of old"* #218(v1-3)

SERVICE OF BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

Words of Preparation

Unison Prayer of Consecration

**O God, by your grace, we have become a part of the
family of faith. We have made a commitment to Jesus
Christ as our Lord and Savior. Grant that as we partake
of this bread and this cup, we might renew our vows to
one another and to the Christ whom we serve. Amen.**

Invitation

The Bread

Hymn – "Eat this bread"

#471

Prayer of Blessing

Words of Affirmation

**The bread which we break is the communion of
the body of Christ.**

The Cup

Hymn – "Eat this bread"

#471

Prayer of Blessing

Words of Affirmation

**The cup which we bless is the communion of
the blood of Christ.**

***SENDING PRAYER**

***SENDING HYMN** *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* #216(v1)

POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Traditional Spiritual arr. Raney

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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