



Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, January 9, is our celebration of the Epiphany, when the brilliant star of Bethlehem guided the magi to the child recently born of Mary! In preparation for this celebration, I invite you to spend some time outside on a crisp, cool night (hopefully not too cold!) gazing up at the stars. Marvel at their beauty. Consider the role that they have played in human dreaming and human striving throughout history. What role do stars play in your life?

If things go better for me this week than last week, we will finally be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday! If you will be worshiping from home, I invite you to gather together bread, crackers, tortillas, or some other grain-based food along with wine, juice, or some other beverage. When you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all spiritually together in our communion.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for virtual worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook. For Youtube Live, please go to our channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before 10:30 AM CST.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM CST. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day.

As always, I have included all of Sunday's worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem