

Dear All,

This coming Sunday, January 4, is our celebration of the Epiphany, when the brilliant star of Bethlehem guided the magi to the Christ child! In preparation for this celebration, I invite you to spend some time stargazing. Marvel at the beauty of the heavens. Consider the greatness of the God who made everything. Reflect on what it means for that God to have become one of us. When you look at the stars, what do you feel? How is God revealed to you?

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday! If you will be worshipping 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.



Vima and I will be with our family in Puerto Rico to celebrate Three Kings Day. Heather Casiano will bless us with her worship leadership and preaching! Thank you, Heather! The attached sermon is one previously preached.

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 online 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 the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

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

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

***Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.***

In Christ and with Love,

***Rev. Tyler Orem***

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