

# WORSHIP NOTES

Today's worship service is a collaboration of Rev. Adam Gorman and Elders Catherine F. Eubanks and Peter J. Manning, all of whom are either graduates of seminary or are currently attending seminary. Knowing that the Sunday worship service following Christmas is a "low Sunday" and that it is still technically Christmas, they came together wanting to continue the singing, merriment and reflections of traditional Christmas services. Therefore, this service incorporates more hymns than a regular Sunday as well as something new in order to help us reflect further on scripture: Scripture Echo.

Scripture Echo reading is meant to be meditative and to help you hear things you may have missed in the past. The three reflections that are being read, those of the The Innkeeper, The Wise Man, and The Shepherd, come from Fredrick Buechner. These reflections can be found in his chapter entitled "The Birth" in both *The Magnificent Defeat* and *Secrets in the Dark*. We hope you find this service to be participatory, reflective and meditative. May Christ remain in your hearts this Christmas Season and forever more.

## MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*  
The Rev. Douglas T. King, *Senior Associate Minister*  
The Rev. Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Minister*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Anthony B. Jones, Jacob D. Kennedy, Margaret L. Poteet, *Student Ministers*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Keith S. Tóth, *Minister of Music and Organist*  
Amanda Page Smith, *Director of Children's Music Ministries*  
Meg Cutting, *Wilson Family Yale Sacred Music Intern*

## USHERS

*Officer-in-Charge:* Joseph G. Sauvage; *Team Captain:* Benjamin C. Huenke; R. Scott Froehlich, William J. Gambrill, Thomas D. Robinson, Frederic S. Sater, Sam Seraphim, Francis H. Tucci, Charles S. Van Cott, Ryan E. Widener, Suzanne W. Wilson, Samuel K. Won.

## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Soprano:* Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi. *Alto:* Agueda Fernández-Abad, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor:* Sean Clark, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* Nathaniel Sullivan.

## SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Raj J. Alva, David M. Blais, Colette O. Bryce, Susan P. Crary, William S. Crutchfield, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, Stefan Kruger, Michael F. Magsig, Robert D. McCrie, Oliver T. Moses, Helen B. Pennoyer, Clare C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman (Youth Elder), Richard H. Stowe, Conor S. Tochilin, Margaret H. Tranbaugh, Katherine G. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Suzanne W. Wilson, Victor L. Wu, Mario J. Verdolini Jr., *Clerk of Session*, Debra N. Seraphim, *On-Call Clerk of Session*.

## DEACONS

Nathan P. Appleby (Youth Deacon), Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Stephana Bottom, Paige M. Cali, Christopher A. Carroll, Tenley L. Chepiga, Olivia V. Cranshaw (Youth Deacon), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Mark E. Dingle, Helen T. W. Elmiger, William J. Gambrill, Sylvia A. Gower, Kate S. Hrobsky, Amy E. Johnson, Loren E. Kittilsen, Christopher Lanning, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, John P. Muller, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, Oscar T. Sloterbeck, Kristin S. Steen John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

## TRUSTEES

Charles S. Anderson, Kenneth W. Austin, David E. Barrett, Patrick D. Barrett, Jonathan S. Bean, Erik M. W. Caspersen, Kevin R. Greene, Linda B. Gridley, Katherine E. Stitch, Valerie S. Mason, *Secretary*, Richard A. Miller, *President*, Drucilla A. Richards, Louisa J. Palmer, *Treasurer*.



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —  
**First Sunday after Christmas Day**  
**Hymn Sing and Reflections**

— ELEVEN O'CLOCK —

**WELCOME** The moments before worship are a transition from "getting here" to "being here." Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one's mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one's friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

**AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

**VISITORS**, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk (\*) invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY**  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Psalm 148  
Matthew 2:13-23

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Isabel Cunningham



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be the Rev. Adam D. Gorman

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

“Noël X” (*Grand Jeu et Duo*)

Eric Birk, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CHORAL INTROIT

*John Goss (1800-1880)*

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

See amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below, See, the gentle Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Hail that ever blessed morn, Hail redemption’s happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us journey now toward Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, for unto us a Child is born.

**People: Let us journey now toward Bethlehem, and kneel there with poor and humble shepherds, worshipping the Child in the manger.**

Leader: Let us journey now toward Bethlehem and with the great and wise ones, the Magi, present to Him the gifts of our lives.

**People: Let us journey now toward Bethlehem and, with the angel host, sing our own songs of praise to the Child who is our King, the King of Love:**

Leader: “Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace and good will toward all people.”

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49

*Irby*

“Once in Royal David’s City”

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### KYRIE 574

*David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 22, verse 4*)

*Regent Square*

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,**

**Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:**

**Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

## THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE ECHO

Luke 2:1-19 (*Pew Bible, page 58 N.T.*)

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### \* HYMN 36

*Cranham*

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

### READING

*Rev. Adam D. Gorman*

The Innkeeper

### \* HYMN 20

*Aberystwyth*

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

### READING

*Elder Catherine F. Eubanks*

The Wise Man

## THE RESPONSE

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

### \* HYMN 50

*African-American Spiritual*

“Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow”

### READING

*Elder Peter J. Manning*

The Shepherd

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*America*

**Not for this land alone,**

**But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;**

**And may the nations see that we must loving be,**

**And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

### \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry*

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Mary did you know that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water? Mary did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new? This Child that you’ve delivered, will soon deliver you. Mary did you know that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary did you know that your Baby Boy will calm a storm with his hand? Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little Baby, you kiss the face of God. Mary did you know? The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again, the lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb. Mary did you know that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation? Mary did you know that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven’s perfect Lamb? That sleeping Child you’re holding is the great I am.

### \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 29

*Go Tell It*

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

#### POSTLUDE

*arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)*

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”

Eric Birk, *organist*