



Southport Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Rev. Paul Whitmore, Senior Minister

Rev. Laura Whitmore, Associate Minister

SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 2, 2022, at ten o'clock

Epiphany Sunday

Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

“Maria’s Lullaby” *Reger*

“Away In A Manger” *arr. Tornquist*

Darwin Shen, violin
Elaine DeGrood, piano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“*O Come All Ye Faithful*”

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

refrain: **O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**
(refrain)

**Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?**
(refrain)

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**
(refrain)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Laura Whitmore

Leader: As our new year begins, we come to celebrate the presence of God in and among us...

People: And we celebrate God's love expressed through the life and spirit of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We come to be shaped by Christ's life and His ministry.

People: We come as a spiritual people, searching for ways to live out our faith.

Leader: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

People: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us! May we worship in this strength, peace, commitment and understanding.

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespases*)

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Rev. Paul Whitmore

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

**(refrain) O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light**

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
(refrain)**

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Pray and praising, all us raising,
Worship Him, God on high.
(refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

To give towards your **2021 Stewardship Pledge Contribution** or make a plate donation,
please text as follows:

Text: 860-854-1995

\$ *amt* Pledge

\$ *amt* Plate

To give **online**, please visit our website at southportucc.org

To **mail** us your offering or pledge, please send a check to:
Southport Congregational Church, PO Box 366, Southport, CT 06890

Thank you!

OFFERTORY

“Child In A Manger” *arr. Rutter*

*Darwin Shen, violin
Senior Choir*

Child in a manger, Jesus our Savior,
Born of a virgin holy and mild;
Sent from the highest, come down in glory;
Tell the glad story, welcome the child.

Shepherds arise now, go to the manger
Find where the infant Jesus is laid.
Offer your homage, kneel down before him;
Praise and adore him, be not afraid

Wise men, come seek him - Christ, our Redeemer,
Journey to Bethlehem led by a star.
Offer you treasures: gold, myrrh, and incense,
Precious oblations brought from afar.

Praise to the Christ child; praise to his mother
Glory to God our Father above.
Angels are singing songs of rejoicing
Greeting the infant born of God's love.

***DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we pray that our spirits and our souls become wider, broader and deeper until we truly become reflections of your abundance in the world. Bless these gifts and the gift we make of ourselves that they all may be an example of your abiding love for every person of God's creation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

SERMON

“The Truth In Miracles”

Dave Stuart

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Please take the elements in unison with the Ministers.)
Communion is gluten-free and non-alcoholic so that all may be included.

*HYMN

“What Star Is This That Beams So Bright?”

**What star is this that beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
“From Jacob shall a star proceed”;
And lo! the eastern sages stand,
To read in heaven the Lord’s command.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels us on to seek thy face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of thy light to use.**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Love Came Down At Christmas”

Love came down at Christmas
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
Star and angels gave the sign.

POSTLUDE

“Canon de Noël” *Pachelbel-English Carol, arr. Martin*

Senior Choir

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***THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP GIVING CAMPAIGN IS IN THE HOMESTRETCH.***

Currently, we have \$455,000 in pledges toward our 2022 needs of \$750,000. If you have made your 2022 pledge - thank you! If not, please make it today! You can do so in 3 ways:

- **ONLINE.** Scan the **QR code** (right) with your phone's camera and a notification will pop up. Tap on the notification and it will bring you to SCC's Stewardship Giving Form on our website. You can also navigate to the form from our website [www.southportucc.org](http://www.southportucc.org) where it is found under the "Giving" tab.



- **Paper Form.** Mail or drop off the paper form included in your 2022 Stewardship Giving Packet.
- **Email.** Send an email to Paul DiPrato at [pdiprato@southportucc.org](mailto:pdiprato@southportucc.org) with your pledge information.

***THE 179<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING*** – All church members are encouraged to attend the 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall on February 27 immediately following worship. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to review the past year via the yearly reports prepared by the Officers of the Boards and Committees, to elect new Officers, transact business, adopt the annual budget and make plans for the new year. **Submissions for the Annual Report by Committee Chairs and Officers need to be given to the Church Office as soon as possible, but no later than February 6, 2022.** Reports should be sent via email to Pam ([ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org)). The 2021 Annual Report will be available for your review a few days before the meeting. Please call the office if you would like a copy.

***CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING*** – Thanks to your generosity at the Christmas Eve services, \$4,338 was donated to Shepherds Inc., an educational program for inner-city Bridgeport teens in need who are given the opportunity to attend a private high school, giving them a step up into a brighter future. We are teaming up with them to provide food for the Thomas Merton Center, a food distribution site in inner-city Bridgeport. Shepherds students will have the opportunity to organize, purchase and distribute food to people in need.

***A NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS*** – Join Rev. Laura Whitmore for an introductory look at how people all over the world have tried to answer the questions: ***“How did I get here?” “What is my purpose in the world?”*** and ***“What is the meaning of life?”*** These classes will give you a broad overview of how Hinduism (January 12), Buddhism (January 19), and Islam (January 26) answer these questions for their believers. The class will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Zoom links will be sent before each class.

***SIP AND SWAP: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS EXCHANGE*** – Join us on January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library to have some fun and cheer!! Bring any holiday decorations you no longer use, want or need and join us for an evening of lighthearted fun and fellowship while *swapping those decorations for others* that appeal to you! Anything left will be donated to our Carousel Thrift Shop. And *even if you have nothing to swap – just come for the fellowship!* Wine and dessert will be provided.

***YOUTH SUNDAY – JANUARY 23*** This service is always a highlight for our SCC youth. We look forward to hearing our High School Youth Group Co-Presidents, Keiran Heske and Aidan King preach, as well as all of our youth who participate in this special service.

***THE CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH JANUARY*** and will reopen on February 1. Donations will still be accepted on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR*** is lovingly hosted today by the Fellowship Committee in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Thank you, Fellowship Committee!

***USHERING AND GREETING YOU TODAY*** are Deacons Oladele Ogunsuyi, Andrew Malkin, Sadhana Joliet and Joe Pezzimenti, under the direction of Deacon Katie Traynor.

***THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S LIVESTREAM "DREAM TEAM"*** – Asha Joliet and Jack Waiksnis, under the direction of Parker Whitmore.

***WE THANK OUR SENIOR CHOIR AND VIOLINIST DARWIN SHEN*** for today's beautiful music.

***ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS ARE NEEDED*** for January 16, 23 and 30, and throughout February. Please contact Pam at [ppoling@southportucc.org](mailto:ppoling@southportucc.org) if you would like to donate an arrangement.

***CHURCH SCHOOL*** will resume next Sunday. Childcare for infants through 3 years old will be in Room 5 with Ella Schott and Alyssa Santa.

***The Staff of Southport Congregational Church wish you a very  
Happy, Healthy and Loving New Year!***

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**Senior Minister - Paul D. Whitmore**

**Associate Minister - Rev. Laura H. Whitmore**

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Student Minister – Julie Center

Director of Administration – Paul DiPrato · Communications Manager – Jackson Siegel

Church Secretary - Pam Poling · Bookkeeper - Maria Bogatikova

Investment Manager - Nancy Long · Facilities & Grounds Manager – Tim O’Neill

Director of Music - Elaine DeGrood

Youth Choir Director - Phillip Bettencourt · Assistant Youth Choir Director - Marnie Kruse

Soloists - Beau Allen, Shannon Doyle, Leslie Uhl

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Ryan McClay ◊       | Moderator  |
| Cari Pfeiffer       | Clerk      |
| Joyce Hergenhan     | ALM        |
| Patti Spaght        | ALM        |
| Paul Doocy          | ALM        |
| Sydney King         | ALM        |
| Susan Kunkel        | Carousel   |
| Marjory Palmer      | Deacons    |
| Denise Caron-Quinn  | Deacons    |
| Leah Davis          | Deacons    |
| Beth Santa          | Education  |
| Melissa Ogunsuyi    | Education  |
| Sherry Greer        | Missions   |
| Lisa Doocy          | Missions   |
| Tim Stuart          | Trustee    |
| Kristin Hathaway    | Preschool  |
| Greg Berg           | B&G        |
| Irene Santa         | Music      |
| Carol Lasseter-Rice | Fellowship |
| Bridget Schulten    | Ex Officio |

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

|                    |
|--------------------|
| Paul Doocy ◊       |
| Cindy Jackson      |
| Adrienne MacGuffie |
| Les Miller         |
| Jennifer O’Neill ◊ |
| Dave Stuart        |
| John Traynor       |

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Greg Berg ◊     | - 2022 |
| Devin Santa     | - 2022 |
| Mike Tanguay    | - 2022 |
| Stuart Tilghman | - 2022 |
| Ellen Levinson  | - 2023 |
| Erno Bacso      | - 2024 |
| Ron Manning     | - 2024 |
| Jim Vadas       | - 2024 |

**BED FUND COMMITTEE**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Oladele Ogunsuyi | Deacons  |
| Bridget Schulten | Chairman |
| Sherry Greer     | Missions |

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Kristin Hathaway         | - 2022 |
| Melissa Ogunsuyi         | - 2022 |
| Jo Anne Parady           | - 2022 |
| Beth Santa ◊             | - 2022 |
| Leslie Uhl               | - 2022 |
| Christina Whittaker Haas | - 2023 |
| Katie Keiser             | - 2023 |
| Erik Mayville            | - 2023 |
| Ellery Malkin            | - 2024 |
| Laura McClay             | - 2024 |
| Cari Pfeiffer            | - 2024 |
| Kassandra Savicki        | - 2024 |

**PRESCHOOL BOARD**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Laura Amicucci     | Director      |
| Paul DiPrato       | Treasurer     |
| Elinor Biggs       | -2022         |
| Rebecca Mallay     | - 2022        |
| Sharon Keiser      | - 2023        |
| Jess Miller ◊      | - 2023        |
| Leslie Uhl         | - 2023        |
| Barbara Evans      | - 2024        |
| Amy Sperrazza      | - 2024        |
| Kristin Hathaway   | BOCE Rep.     |
| Allie Sherman      | Parent Rep.   |
| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees Rep. |

**MISSION OUTREACH BOARD**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Elinor Biggs       | - 2022 |
| Lisa Doocy         | - 2022 |
| Mary Lou McGuire + | - 2022 |
| Linda Murphy       | - 2022 |
| Andrea Pezzimenti  | - 2022 |
| Sherry Greer ◊     | - 2023 |
| Tyler Hathaway     | - 2023 |
| Kirk Jackson       | - 2023 |
| Bob MacGuffie      | - 2023 |
| Liz Waiksnis       | - 2023 |
| Craig Gillespie    | - 2024 |
| Karen Jones        | - 2024 |
| Hedy Mosier        | - 2024 |
| Traci Provost      | - 2024 |
| Peggy Stuart       | - 2024 |
| Leahkay White      | - 2024 |

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Denise Caron-Quinn | - 2022 |
| Leah Davis         | - 2022 |
| Katie Traynor      | - 2022 |
| Andrew Malkin      | - 2023 |
| Marjory Palmer ◊   | - 2023 |
| Jeff Provost       | - 2023 |
| Jeffrey Earls      | - 2024 |
| Ann Lillis         | - 2024 |
| Oladele Ogunsuyi   | - 2024 |
| Tamberlyn Chapman  | - 2025 |
| Sadhana Joliet +   | - 2025 |
| Joe Pezzimenti     | - 2025 |

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Doug Goodman    | - 2022         |
| Dwight Holmberg | - 2022         |
| Laura Wilbur    | - 2022         |
| Irene Santa     | - 2023         |
| Peary Spaght ◊  | - 2023         |
| Jack Ijams      | - 2024         |
| Ruth Merchant   | - 2024         |
| Ed Sanford      | - 2024         |
| Jeff Provost    | Deacon Liaison |

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Carol Lasseter-Rice | - 2022 |
| Ann Lillis          | - 2022 |
| Hedy Mosier         | - 2022 |
| Jean Schluter       | - 2022 |
| Robin Marshlow      | - 2023 |
| Traci Provost       | - 2023 |
| Erika Wright        | - 2023 |
| Amy Cawman          | - 2024 |
| Betsy Gillespie     | - 2024 |
| Katie Traynor       | - 2024 |
| Marney White        | - 2024 |

**CARING TEAM**

Tamberlyn Chapman Deacons

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Jeff Nickell           | - 2022 |
| Tim Stuart ◊           | - 2022 |
| Stephani Whittaker     | - 2022 |
| Jim Biggs              | - 2023 |
| Gary Johnson           | - 2023 |
| Joe Ryan               | - 2023 |
| Dave Stuart            | - 2023 |
| Katia Mead             | - 2024 |
| Bridget Schulten       | - 2024 |
| Trevor Uhl, Treasurer  | - 2022 |
| Greg Berg, B&G Liaison | - 2022 |

**CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Doug Goodman    | - 2022 |
| Gloria Miller   | - 2022 |
| Susan Kunkel ◊  | - 2023 |
| Janet Sherwood  | - 2023 |
| Karen Macdonald | - 2024 |
| Les Miller      | - 2024 |
| Nancy Pandolfi  | - 2024 |

**HISTORIAN**

Sally Ijams - 2022

**LAY DELEGATES**

Les Miller - 2022

**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Leah Davis | Deacon Liaison |
| Pam Poling | Staff Liaison  |

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Paul Doocy         | Council   |
| Joyce Hergenhan    | Council   |
| Sydney King        | Council   |
| Patti Spaght ◊     | Council   |
| Jeffrey Earls      | Deacons   |
| Ellery Malkin      | Education |
| Elinor Biggs       | Missions  |
| Stephani Whittaker | Trustees  |

◊ Denotes Chairperson

+ Denotes Scribe

◦ Denotes Vice Chair

ALM Denotes "At Large Member"