



# First Christian Church

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**MATTHEW 2:10-11**

## *The Gift of Myrrh*

**January 12, 2024  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service**

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #400 - Have Thine Own Way, Lord

\**Passing of the Peace*

### **Call To Worship - from Psalm 29**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**People: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

**ALL: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

### **Opening Prayer**

*Most High God, we call upon your name this morning and offer ourselves up in service to you. Use us as your Church here in Rensselaer to further your kingdom and even around the world. Bless us as only you can. Let us feel your presence and your peace. Guide us by your Holy Spirit into all truth. Be with us and for us as we journey together. Be with all those who need your healing touch this day. And we will thank you and praise you in the Holy name of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Prayer Hymn - #370 – O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Prayers of the People

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Helen Putman	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Larry & Betty Lintner	

**Scripture Text: Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)**

**The Visit of the Magi**

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

**6**  
‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

**7** Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” **9** When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Scripture Readings - Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon - *The Gift of Myrrh* — Frank Shirer

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #318 - Come, Thy Fount of Every Blessing

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

*OFFERTORY & COMMUNION*

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.*

*Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

\*Closing Song - God's Love by Hal Gray

\*Benediction

Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now  
and even forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

**Todays Meeting:**

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Frank Shirer

**Weekly Meetings:**

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 1-06-25	15189.84
Expenses/Payroll/TAXES	3391.83
Weekly Offering	2815.00
Difference	-\$576.83
Ending Balance	14613.01

**Announcements:**

**Week of January 5<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 22 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook  
Live: 39, YouTube: 13 Approx. Views: 78-100

**Our deepest sympathy:** and prayers of love, comfort, and support go out to the  
family of Michael Lintner, who passed away Monday, January 6, 2025. A  
celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will meet Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Jeff Phillips. Thank you Jeff!

**Youth Group Meal Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card and email will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

### **January Birthdays**

- 3 - Betty Malone-Lintner
- 6 - Robert Hensler
- 7 - Opal Williams, Luke Beehler
- 8 - Logan Parmele
- 9 - RaeAnn Ploughe
- 10 - Jennifer Lindahl,  
Allison Arnold
- 11 - Kaitlyn Schultz,  
Donna Wiseman
- 12 - Korbin Ploughe
- 16 - Sharlyn Hensler
- 17 - Alexander Althoff
- 20 - Judy Beehler
- 23 - David Grow
- 24 - George Cover
- 30 - Nolan Hitchcock

### **January Anniversaries**

- 3 - Chad & Laura Maxwell - 2023
- 3 - Gale & Noreen Kerns - 1968
- 4 - Russell & Donna Wiseman - 1975
- 7 - Jim & Dorrie Lefler - 1967
- 10 - Bob & Sharlyn Hensler - 1970
- 20 - Bob & Sally Wiseman - 1979