


The background of the entire image is a deep blue night sky densely populated with stars of various colors and sizes. In the upper center, a single, exceptionally bright star radiates a powerful white light, creating a prominent starburst pattern with multiple rays extending outwards. The overall composition suggests a celestial theme, likely related to the biblical story of the Star of Bethlehem.

SEARCHING FOR GOD

The bottom of the image features a silhouette of three camels with riders, moving from left to right across a desert landscape. The sky behind them is a warm, golden-orange color, indicating a sunset or sunrise. The silhouettes of the camels and riders are dark against the bright, hazy horizon.

JANUARY 7, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

SANCTUARY SERVICE 9:30 AM

PRELUDE "What Star Is This?" L. Smith / F. Rutter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
(Members and visitors, please sign and pass our friendship pads which are located in the rack of your pew)

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Campbell

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 229 "The First Noel" (vs 1 & 2)
NO. 233 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs 1 & 2)

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CHORAL ANTHEM "Everlasting Glory, Everlasting Light" Arr. Marsh
The Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2: 1-12 Rev. Ashley S. Ashley

AN EXPLANATION OF OUR OFFERING Rev. Campbell

OFFERTORY "There Shall A Star Come Out Of Jacob" F. Mendelssohn
The Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY NO. 34
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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Campbell

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29: 11-14a

SERMON Searching For God Rev. Campbell

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 236 "As With Gladness"
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION Rev. Ashley

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison) Rev. Ashley
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Revs. Campbell & Ashley

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Come, Share the Lord"

The Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FPCP Vision Statement (Sung in unison)

We are a family of faith, called to celebrate, God's message of love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Guided by the living Word of God, we nurture one another through worship and prayer, through teaching and fellowship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out with hearts and hands. We reach out with hearts and hands to those in need, seeking to inspire hope in an ever-changing community and world. We are a family of faith.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 231

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Campbell

POSTLUDE

"How Great Our Joy"

R. Koury

All who are able are invited to stand

+++Please be seated

Sanctuary Ushers today are: Jim Sockolosky, Bev MacGaw, Lori Kuhn, & Glenn Anderson
Upper Room Ushers today are: Dixie Fee & Audrey Williams
Counting Team Members today are: Wayne Krupin, Kathleen Barker, & Steve Renaldi
Deacons of the Day today are: Linda Baric & Orlean Heidel
Thank you to the Sanctuary and Upper Room Tech Team members!

This Week's Flower Arrangements are Given to the Glory of God and...

- In loving memory of our parents, Lester and Florence Kitchen and Anthony and Leona Becoskey, and our sisters, Shirley and Marlene, by Lester and Geraldine Kitchen.

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

THE UPPER ROOM SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

Welcome and Opening

PRELUDE SONG	<i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i>	Chris Du Pont & Kylee Phillips
OPENING PRAYER		Chris DuPont

WELCOME & OPENING

OPENING SONG	<i>"We Three Kings of Orient Are"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 2: 1-12	Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
VIDEO	<i>"Wise Men Still Seek Him"</i>	

Offertory

EXPLANATION OF THE OFFERING		Rev. Campbell
OFFERING SONG	<i>"Brightest and Best"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Chris DuPont

Word & Teaching

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Jeremiah 29: 11-14a	Rev. Campbell
SERMON	Searching for God	Rev. Campbell

Communion

CALL FOR COMMUNION	<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	Chris & Kylee
INVITATION TO COMMUNION		Rev. Ashley
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Ashley
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD		Revs. Campbell & Ashley
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>"What Child Is This?"</i>	Chris & Kylee
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION		Rev. Ashley

SENDING

CLOSING MUSIC	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	Chris & Kylee
BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		Rev. Campbell

Prayer Concerns

Questions or concerns about the prayer list should be directed to prayerlist@fpcp.net. Or you can fill out a google form at <https://forms.gle/XFBE7jivuP7qWCdG7>

Please pray for the following church members and friends who are in special circumstances. In the listings below members' names will be printed in bold type. The names of family & friends will be printed in italic. Names are only left in the bulletin for one month unless you call again or the office is aware of the circumstances.

Family & Friends of Members

Quentin Vernatter, friend of **Brian Detter**
Howard Blanchard, son-in-law of **Donna Brydan**
Friend of Sarah Campbell
David Raub, brother of **Carol Dobos**
Tom Dueweke, friend of **Sandy and Steve Marulis**
Karen Barlow, wife of **Dennis Barlow**
Sally and Rachel Kollar, friends of **Becky DeLoy**
Jack and Gayle DeYoung, uncle and aunt of **Ginny Weaver**
Jennifer Carpenter, daughter of **Sterling Shephard**
Lewandowski family, friends of **Sue Maynard**
John Mcgrath, friend of **Brenda and Dean Aulinskis**
Dennis Dodge, brother of **Stu Dodge and Dorothy Simescu**
Betty Socia, former Office Administrator at FPCP
David Krajovic, friend of **Kurt Wilder**
Vala Evans, niece and granddaughter of **Sally and Sue Evans**
Jean, Jay, and Sam, friends of **Susan Johnson**
Magda, Compassion International child sponsored by PW

Members

Sheila Place
Doris Rorabacher
Dana Leader
Pat Wright
Neil & Ingrid Sendelbach
Ray & Kathy Stella
Karen Chapin
Sue Grant
Mandy Hillard
Kim Zuhlke
Katherine Ray
Dale Leanhardt
Lynn Walgenbach
Don & Carol Loesch
Donald Bruner
John & Cynthia Hartsig
Hannah Campbell
Ervin Miller

Members In Assisted Living **Victoria Whipple**

Active Military

- **Lisa Newton** - US Navy, currently preparing for deployment
- **Wyatt Petty, son of Chip & Lisa Petty** - Private in the Army National Guard, recently graduated from basic training in Georgia.
- **Samuel Wolf, son of Andrew and Jennifer Wolf** currently at Naval Nuclear Power Training School
- **Max Bair**, grandson of **Jeff and Carolyn Koup** - Fire Controlman Aegis 3rd Class, US Navy, currently stationed in San Diego.
- **Adam Smith**, brother of **Rev. Ashley** - currently deployed on the USS Carl Vincent in the pacific ocean.

Sympathies

- Our sympathy to **Joan Todd** and family at the loss of her son *David*.
- Our sympathy to **Elizabeth and Brian Detter** and family at the loss of niece and cousin *Dana Alper*.



Please pick up a copy of the FPCP January 2024 Newsletter in the Narthex Today.

Once you do you will...

- Learn all about our brand new 2024 Bible Studies on offer
- Contemplate all the exciting ways you can volunteer and join in the FPCP ministries
- See our newest staff member, Jennifer Bird, who begins work here this week
- Read a beautiful thank you note from Dr. Jim Skimins (our Minister Emeritus)
- Learn about our upcoming events like our Winter Luau, Board Game Pajama Party, Our Parent's Night Out with FREE babysitting, our all-church Crafting Party, our 2024 Colina Youth Mission Trip Information Meeting, our many book studies, and where to take all of your old electronic equipment.

Please don't leave church this morning without it!



The January Newsletter is HERE!
Use the QR code to see it!

This Week at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Knox Hall)
- 9:30am Sanctuary Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am Sunday School (41 Sunday School Room)
- 11:15am Upper Room Service (231 Knox Hall)
- 5:30pm Continuing the Word Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:00pm Listening to Jesus: Responding in Faith Bible Study (Zoom)

Monday, January 8

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)

Tuesday, January 9

- 7:30am Retired Men's Breakfast (Omelette and Waffle Café Northville)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting (124 Hearth Room)
- 2:00pm PW Coordinating Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 2:30pm Zoom Chair Yoga with Sharon (Zoom)
- 5:00pm Zoom Chair Yoga with Sharon—A Safe, Strong Back (Zoom)
- 6:30pm B&G Committee Meeting (Zoom only)
- 7:00pm CE Committee Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 7:00pm PW Horizons Bible Study (Dining Room & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Finance Committee (Zoom Only)

Wednesday, January 10

- 7:45am Early Word Bible Study (Zoom Only)
- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 2:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)
- 7:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal (137 Bell Room)

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)
- 7:00pm Deacon Board Meeting (234 Calvin Room & Zoom)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (231 Knox Hall)
- 7:30pm Thursday Night AA Meeting (028 Dining Room)

Friday, January 12

- 9:30am Park Bench AA (134 Classroom)

Saturday, January 13

- 7:45am SMMBS (124 Hearth Room & Zoom)

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & MISSION OUTREACH

First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth

Our Community

Alcoholics Anonymous
 American Red Cross Blood Drive
 FPCP Benevolence Fund
 FPCP Comfort Care Kits
 FPCP College Student Gift Cards
 FPCP Earth Care Ministries
 FPCP Matching Scholarship
 Kids Hope USA
 Plymouth Salvation Army
Adopt-an-Angel/Gift Tree
Bell Ringing
Keep it Clean Drive
 FPCP Matching Scholarship, for
 Mission Trip Attendees
 FPCP Prayer Quilts and Shawls
 Presbyterian Thrift Shop
 Suppers of Support
 Vista Maria
 Second Mile Center—youth program, food, & clothing

Our Surrounding Area

Crossroads
 Faith Communities Coalition
Foster Children
 First Step - Domestic Violence Shelter
 & ARK - *Animals Receiving Kindness*
 Fort Street Open Door
Soup Kitchen Assistance
Financial Assistance
Clothing Drives
 Hope Clinic
 Northville Civic Concern
 Presbyterian Women Faith Goal

Presbyterian Colleges and Seminaries

Princeton Seminary
Rev. Phil Magee Endowment

Our Nation

Supporting our Presbyterian Church (USA)
 Connectional Ministry through
 our Benevolence Budget to these
 governing bodies:
 Detroit Presbytery
 Synod of the Covenant
 General Assembly Causes
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 Youth Haven, Jackson, MI

Our World

Church World Services
 Colina de Luz Orphanage, Mexico
 Compassion International
Sponsoring Children
 Marion Medical Mission, Malawi,
 Africa
 Hunger Relief
 Girls Hostel
 Girls Scholarship Program
 Mtenthera CCAP, Malawi Africa
 (Our Sister Church in Malawi)
Girl's Dormitory
 PC(USA) Hunger Ministries
One Great Hour of Sharing
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Thrift Shop

331 North Main Street
 734-459-1250

**Tuesday 10 AM - 2 PM;
 Wednesday 6 PM - 8 PM
 (March-December);
 Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM;
 Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM**

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