

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**JANUARY 7, 2024**  
**11AM WORSHIP**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1111 HARVARD AVENUE**  
**SEATTLE, WA**  
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Welcome to Worship at Seattle First Baptist. All are Welcome.

Children are a treasured part of our community.

Please find a Worship Adventure Packet or a Busy Box at the tables in the foyer.

Children are free to use these resources in the pews or the Wiggle Room.

*We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people, past and present.*

*With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the legacy of the First People of Seattle, the Duwamish Tribe.*

*May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.*

*And may we, through God's Spirit, repent and walk forward together,  
changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.*

*\*If it is comfortable, you are invited to stand.*

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Prelude	“We Three Kings” <i>arr. JOEL RANEY</i>	Christian Broughton
Gathering		Pastor Anita Peebles
<b>*Hymn</b>	“Magi, We of Orient Are”	KINGS OF ORIENT
1. Magi, we of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. <i>Refrain:</i> Oh, star of wonder, star of light, star with holy beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!		
2. Gold for thee in Bethlehem found; gold, for each shall wear a crown. Peace forever, ceasing never; anthems of peace resound! <i>[Refrain]</i>		
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns divinity nigh; Prayer and praising, voices raising; Spirit, who dwells inside! <i>[Refrain]</i>		
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. <i>[Refrain]</i>		
Time with Children		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Call to Giving and Call to Prayer		Beth Reis
<b>*Hymn</b>	“I Am Sending You Light”	
Prayer		Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove
Anthem	“Brightest and Best” SHAWN KIRCHNER	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture	MATTHEW 2:1-12	<i>translation by Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney</i>

Now Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, suddenly sages from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the one born king of the Judeans? For we have seen his star at its ascent and have come to reverence him.” When King Herod heard this, he was shaken, and all Jerusalem with him; then calling together all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah would be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, By no means are least among the rulers of Judah; For from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the sages and learned from them the time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go, search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and reverence him.” When they had heard the king, they left, and there suddenly was the star that they had seen at its ascent going before them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they rejoiced; their joy was exuberant. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and revered him. Then, opening their treasure, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: “For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
and for the word of God within us,”

**All: “Thanks be to God”**

Sermon	“Another Way”	Pastor Anita Peebles
Communion	Pastor Leigh Curl-Dove and Pastor Anita Peebles	
<b>*Hymn #154</b>	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	GO TELL IT
Benediction		Pastor Anita Peebles
Postlude	“A Carol for the New Year” ALFRED V. FEDAK	Christian Broughton

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon preceding our Pastoral Installation service at 2pm.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 7**

*Please see This Week in your email and on our Facebook page for further information and other announcements.*

**Installation for Rev. Leigh Curl-Dove and SFBC Co-Pastors:** Sunday, January 7 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Presided by Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal, Executive Minister of Evergreen, with guest preachers Rev. Heather Mustain and Rev. Joy Martinez-Marshall.

**Annual Reports Due:** The deadline for Annual Reports submissions is Wednesday, January 10. Email reports to [contact@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:contact@seattlefirstbaptist.org).

## **SFBC CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

*For Zoom links, see our online calendar at [seattlefirstbaptist.org](https://seattlefirstbaptist.org)*

Sunday 1/7 **Pastoral Installation Service** 2pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday 1/7 **Seattle Jazz Vespers: Alex Dugdale Fade Jazz Quintet** 6pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday 1/9 **Prayer Group** 12pm on Zoom

Tuesday 1/9 **Finance Committee Meeting** 4:30pm on Zoom

Tuesday 1/9 **SFBC Council Meetings** 7pm on Zoom

Wednesday 1/10 **Optimism Hour** 5:30pm at Stoup Brewing

Wednesday 1/10 **Youth Group** 6:30pm in the Youth Lounge

Wednesday 1/10 **Choir Rehearsal** 7pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday 1/11 **Bible Study** 12pm on Zoom

Saturday 1/13 **Men's Group** 10am on Zoom

Sunday 1/14 **Exploring Israel & Palestine** 9:30am in the Parlor

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Rev. Anita Peebles, *Pastor*

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