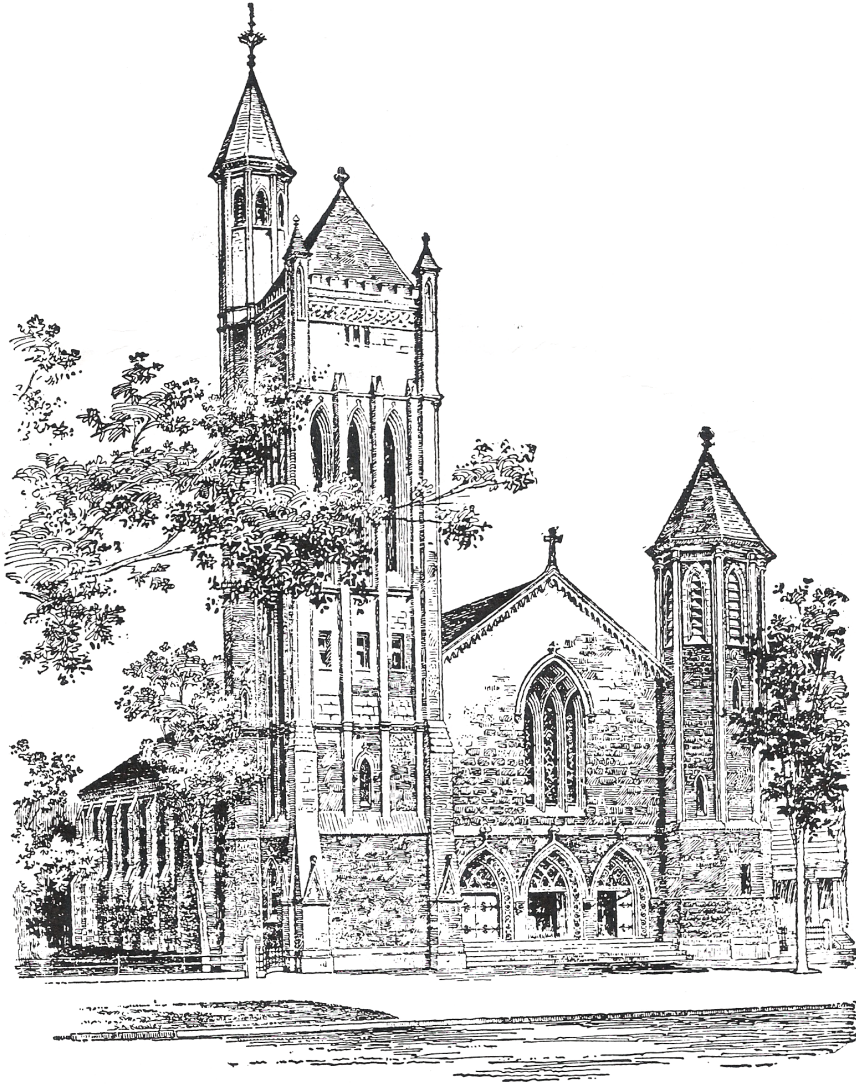


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United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

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Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to State Street Church! During the greeting the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced. There is no pressure to be introduced, if you would like to remain quiet and be present to the service, please feel free to do so. There is a card in your pew to fill out if you'd like contact from the church. Children are welcome, but not required, to come forward during the "Time for Children," _and may either return to their seats or join us for Kids' Church.

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Prelude "Chorale Prelude on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"--Max Reger  
"Variations on Angels We Have Heard on High--Michael Helman

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ (God) be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

(Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.)

A Moment of Centering Silence

\*Opening Hymn 157 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning MORNING STAR

\*\*\*Repeat the first stanza following the 4th stanza.\*\*\*

**\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Sirach 24)**

**Liturgist: Camy Barrantes**

One: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

**Many: She brings worlds into being and illuminates the night sky with stars in the heavens.**

One: Wisdom declares herself and tells of her might in the midst of her people.

**Many: She strengthens her children and grants peace to the peoples.**

One: Wisdom praises herself and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

**Many: She bestows grace and redemption and makes mystery known.  
Praise Wisdom!**

**\*Invocation (unison)**

**Radiant One, your majesty awes us, and your righteousness humbles us.  
Shine your light amongst us as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

A Moment of Welcome and Gratitude

## A Time For Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: The Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 (pew Bible pg. 55)

Christian Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12 (pew Bible pg. 2)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy God, all things came into being through you. You enlighten our lives. Yet, we are drawn to shadows and veils. We distance ourselves from the conditions of oppression and despair of our neighbors, and we hide from your displeasure and disappointment at our limited allegiance to the kingdom. Ignite a hunger and thirst for righteousness, justice, and truth in us. Spark compassion in our hearts. Make us a righteous branch in the vineyard. In the name of Jesus and hope of restoration, we pray. Amen.**

#### God's Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Hymn 124

Away in a Manger

MÜLLER

#### Silence

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, Mother, Parent, 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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

#### The Sharing of the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Thank you, God, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Offering

*We are aware that some give online, or by other means, and some are unable to give. When the usher comes to your pew, you should feel comfortable looking to the usher smiling and nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.*

#### Invitation

#### Offertory

"Greensleeves"--arr. Richard Purvis

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above all heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn 104

We Hail You, God's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

\*Benediction

Postlude "Toccata on *Angels We Have Heard on High*"--Michael Helman

**This Week at State Street Church**

Sun. (1/5) 9:15 am  
10 am Worship Service & Kids Church

Wed. 1-3 pm Clothes Closet

**Where you can park  
on Sunday Morning while attending State  
Street Church**

**1. Street Parking** is free on Sunday

**2. Conroy Tully Walker Funeral Home**, unless you see a "Funeral Home Only" sign placed at the entrance.

**3. The Portland Club**, be sure to get a pass for your windshield from an usher!

**Coming Up**

Wed. Jan. 15 1-3 pm

Clothes Closet

Deep gratitude to our Deacons of the day, Denny Barrantes, Cliff Trott and Nor Dale; our fellowship hour hosts Mort Soule & Dominique Gabel; our liturgist, Camy Barrantes; our live streamer, Ginger Raspiller and our Greeter, Margy Soule.

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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
Kaylan Zipp, Christian Educator  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider



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