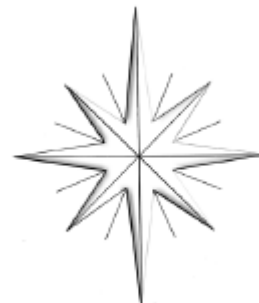


# The United Church of Northfield Welcomes You To Morning Worship



***"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here."***

**January 1, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.**

We are a member of Vermont Conference, The United Church of Christ and are affiliated with the National Unitarian Universalist Association and the Northern New England District of the UUA.

Historically we are united from Congregational and Universalist roots.

*On the First Sunday of each month we have Communion Sunday and our Dolma Sunday Offering (sponsored child of the Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India). We offer a Gluten Free Communion option. We are handicap accessible.*

**The United Church of Northfield**  
***Epiphany Sunday***

**Prelude & Candle Lighting**

Alison Cerutti

**Choral Introit**

UCN Choir

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call To Worship:** (UCC Book of Worship)

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

**People: We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky; and like the Magi, we have come to worship.**

**All: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made know in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Prayer of Invocation:** (Book of Worship)

**We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Prayer Response:** "Hear our Prayer" (remain seated)

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**Call to Confession:** (Book of Worship)

Leader: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession:** (Book of Worship)

**Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing your love for all peoples, you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love. Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Words of Assurance:** (Book of Worship)

Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven. Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. **Amen.**

**The Congregation's Response:**

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Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

**Choral Anthem:**

UCN Choir

**A Time with Children**

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon Hymn**

**Sermon**

Chris Southworth

**Joys and Concerns:** *These are the joys and concerns of the people. Please share what you would like us to be praying for including a person's name if appropriate.*

**Silent Prayer:** We take a minute to be in silence to await God's peace.

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

**The Offering:**

As we observe Epiphany we remember how wise men from the east traveled far to bring gifts to the newborn Jesus. We remember God's ultimate gift to all people in Jesus the Christ. Let us celebrate by offering gifts of our own to this church for use in ministry to all people.

**The Offertory:**

Alison Cerutti

**Doxology:**

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**Prayer of Dedication:** (Clergy Journal, 2008)

**We do not bring frankincense and myrrh, but we bring the gold that you have given us for the good of those you have told us are sisters and brothers. Gospel God, bless us to be your good news for those who are in need. Amen.**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ:** "May the peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

**Closing Hymn**

**Brief Announcements**

**Benediction:** (Book of Worship)

Chris Southworth

Leader: You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that others may see the good things you do and glorify God. God is with us now and always.

Go in peace. Amen.

**Choral Benediction:** "Amen"

UCN Choir

**Postlude**

Alison Cerutti

\* Denotes standing if you are able. NCH is the New Century Hymnal with a black cover. PH is the Pilgrim Hymnal with a red cover.

*Special thanks to Chris Southworth for leading us in morning worship today.*

**Giving for December 25, 2011:** Pledge Income: \$320; Plate Offering: \$545; Heifer Offering: Total Heifer \$124.25, Goal: Tree Seedlings \$180; Other: Christmas Fund: \$27; OCWM: \$440.50;. Thank you for your faithful giving.

### **The Ministry of The United Church of Northfield**

Ministers to the World: The Congregation	Secretary: Laura Ranker
Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Jennifer Kimball	Sexton: Arnold Nichols
Greeters: Frank and Judy Plumley	Ushers: Roy and Liz Butler
Choir Leadership Today: Alison Cerutti	Pianist/Organist Today: Alison Cerutti
Deacon in charge: Judy Plumley	Infant/Childcare: Julia Hatch

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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OFFICE HOURS: (*Pastor's study is located in Howe's Hall*)

WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. .

Other Hours Available by Appointment.

FRIDAY - PASTOR'S DAY OFF

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### **THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED CHURCH**

*January 2, 2012 to January 8, 2012*

Mon.: No Bible Study this week. Next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bev Knox from 9:00-11:00.

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Men's AA meets in Howe's Hall.

Wed.: 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. CV Building Bright Futures (play group) ages birth to 6 years old gather in Howe's Hall.

7:00 P.M. Women's 12 Step AA Meeting in Howe's Hall.

7:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal in the church Sanctuary; all are welcome.

Thurs.: ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO SECRETARY; email to Laura at [laura.ranker@racdc.com](mailto:laura.ranker@racdc.com) or at [uccnorthfield@trans-video.net](mailto:uccnorthfield@trans-video.net)

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. BSA Troop 759.

Sunday, January 8th: Communion and Reception of New Members John & Jennifer Kimball.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Council Meeting with Finance Committee to discuss proposed budget - Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.
- SOS Committee meeting - Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.
- Special Informational Meeting of the United Church regarding proposed 2012 Budget - Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.
- ANNUAL MEETING OF THE United Church of Northfield - Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the morning worship service.