

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
**Evansville, Indiana**  
**Worship for January 8, 2023**

Welcome and Announcements – special announcement from Kim Armstrong

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Follow the star;

**All: Behold the Baby Jesus.**

One: Bring the best gifts –

**All: Bring yourself.**

One: Come to worship;

**All: Come with Joy and Love in your heart.**

Opening Hymn *What Child is This?*

Prayer

**O Heavenly Father, You have come into our lives as light and wisdom, desiring to be known to us and found in the world around us. Open our hearts so that we might recognize You where You dwell while challenging us and by lighting the way to truth, peace, and justice. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12

Special Music *A Light Has Dawned* (Light and Chapman)

Concerns and the Morning Prayer (concluding with The LORD'S Prayer)

Offertory *Five Little Dances: No. 4* (Creston)

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Heavenly Father, Please accept these gifts so that St. Paul's United Church of Christ may continue to do your work in a world that is much in need of your light and wisdom. Amen.**

Hymn                      Who You Say I Am

Second Scripture Lesson      Matthew 3: 13-17

Message                  "Beloved"

Special Announcement

Closing Hymn      *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Benediction

Postlude

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