

# *A Great and Mighty Wonder*

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# *The First Sunday of Christmas*

*And Simeon blessed them and said...  
“Behold, this child is appointed for the  
fall and rising of many in Israel, and  
for a sign that is opposed...so that thoughts  
from many hearts may be revealed.”*

*-Luke 2:34-35*



**Old Orchard Church**

January 1, 2012 – 10:15–11:50 a.m.

## Worshipping the Newborn King

If thou wilt foil  
Thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from  
This heavenly boy.

—Robert Southwell  
(1560-1593)



### Today's Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; 2:19-23

### Today's Sermon

“An Ordinary Tradesman in the Hand of God”

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:19-33

Ron Lutjens, pastor, preaching

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

## A Ship Comes Sailing Onwards

A ship comes sailing onwards,  
With a precious freight on board;  
It bears the only Son of God,  
It bears the Eternal Word.

A precious freight it brings us,  
Glides gently on, yet fast;  
Its sails are filled with Holy Love,  
The Spirit is its mast.

And now it's casting anchor,  
The ship has touched the land;  
God's Word has taken flesh, the Son  
Among us men doth stand.

At Bethlehem, in the manger,  
He lies, a babe of days;  
For us He gives Himself to death,  
O give Him thanks and praise.

Whoe'er would hope in gladness  
To kiss this Holy Child,  
Must suffer many a pain and woe  
Patient like Him and mild;

Must die with Him to evil  
And rise to righteousness,  
That so with Christ he too may share  
Eternal life and bliss.

—John Tauler of Strassburg (1300-1361)  
Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1869)

