

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 4, 2009

10:50 AM

The heavens proclaim a birth in Bethlehem. Following a star, three Magi journey to see what has occurred. They carry with them gifts appropriate for a ruler: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Upon arrival at the scene, they observe a mother and child, God's heavenly glory, on earth, to bring light to the nations. Proclaiming God's praise, they fall down and worship. The radiance of God's love evokes wonder and awe.

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

### WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

**Prelude** *Brightest and Best* **Harding/arr. Rasley**

### \*Call to Worship

Have you seen the star of Bethlehem? Arise, people of God; let it shine in your lives.

**We have seen Christ's star and have come to worship. We are ready to let God lead and direct us.**

Come from the shadows of earth to the light of God's eternal purposes.

**We see the glory of God in our midst and our hearts rejoice in expectation.**

The promises of the gospel are for us, and for all people everywhere.

**We are here to be equipped by God to carry good news into the world. Amen.**

**\*Processional Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **Page 220**

### \*Invocation

**\* Hymn of Praise** *Honor and Praise* **TFWS 2018**

### PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Lesson** *Isaiah 60:1-6* **O. T. Page 690**

Isaiah prophesies to a people just returning from exile that the day would come when all nations would stream to their light.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message** **Dina Giese**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

### Prayers of the People

**\*Hymn** *We Three Kings* **Page 254**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 2:1-12* **N. T. Page 2**

Matthew tells of the visit of the Magi and their participation in God's subversion of Herod's plan.

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**Message** *How Would You Like To Be A Lying Wise Man?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **O God, from whom comes all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in the spirit of those long ago who opened costly treasures before Jesus. We give in response to your generosity, identifying with your pity and compassion for victims of violence, poverty, and oppression. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as their physical needs are met. May we be co-workers with Christ, whose sacrifice bought our redemption. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Sing We Now of Christmas* **trad. French Carol**

**\*Doxology** **To the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving** **Page 15**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* **Page 249**

### \*Commission and Blessing

The light of God's purposes has shone upon us. Carry that light into another week.

**The star of God's promises that led us to worship now leads us to serve in God's world.**

When we have met God in the light, we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

**We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth without thanksgiving and generous sharing.**

The glory of God shines on you today. Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

**We seek God's peace that we may share it, God's wisdom that we may live by it.**

**In Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Benediction/Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *What Star Is This?* **arr. Ritter**

**\*Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance**

**Welcome!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia Fergusson on her birthday by Wes Fergusson. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Rev. Maurice and Loretta Hancock. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeter** is Holly Pugh. The **Lay Speaker** is Butch Kelchner.

The **Upper Room** devotional for January and February is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

The **Flower Chart for 2009** is located on the bulletin board outside the Unity Room. Please take a few moments and sign up to put flowers on the altar.

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*We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world*

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