

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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January 6, 2019, Epiphany of the Lord, Communion

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing) **W&S** (Worship & Song)
(*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Wade Bluemer

****Call to Worship**

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

P: We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.

L: Arise, shine, for your moment has come, and the glory of God's love and mercy flows through you into the world.

P: We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us

L: Arise, shine, for you are called to be God's people, and to bring good news and great joy to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

P: Let us worship the God who calls us.

****Hymn #3038 Mighty to Save / #251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Children's Sermon

Bill Brueck

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

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.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Hymn (UMH) #254

We Three Kings

Message

The Message of the Magi

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Celebration of Holy Communion

(Please Bring Gifts and Offerings as You Come Forward For Communion)

****Hymn (UMH) #237**

Sing We Now of Christmas

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. To contact Pastor Bill, please call his cell (605) 840-1801 or home (507) 356-4317; or e-mail him at revwilly3@gmail.com. On Wednesdays, Pastor Bill is at Shawna's at 8am and at Betty Sue's Better Brew at 9am.
- **Mission Box** for January is the Ministerial Fund.
- **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for January is Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken Helpers; Boxed Mac & Cheese
- **Lunch Bunch** will be meeting at Trailhead Grill January 20, at 11:30am.
- **Join us on Sunday**, January 27, at 2pm when we will be showing "The Shack." Please bring snacks to share.