

2nd Sunday after Christmas – January 2nd, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive; Based on Isaiah 60 & Matthew 2)

Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the LORD has risen upon you!

The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Lift your eyes and look around. Follow the star wherever it leads!

Take the journey that leads to the manger.

Let your hearts rejoice. Let joy overwhelm you!

We worship the Christ Child, the hope of the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn*

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Opening Prayer (Unison; United Methodist Prayer)

God of Mystery, in the darkness of our world, your light shines with grace and truth.

Open the eyes of our hearts to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth and joy.

May the mystery revealed in Jesus draw us closer to you. May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace. As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice for the downtrodden and the brokenhearted, and righteousness for the world. Fill our hearts to overflowing with your joy, your glory, and your hope. Amen.

Hymn*

Once in Royal David's City

UMH 250

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (Psalm 89:1-2)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

With my mouth I'll proclaim your faithfulness to every generation.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you. Amen.**

Special Music

There is Peace

Lea Echegaray, Lily Holtschneider, Audrey Lucas & Directed by Kristen Brought

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 38: 12-19 & 27-30

Ashley Sanders

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1-3

Sermon

"Tamar"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

The First Noel

UMH 245

Benediction (Traditional Celtic Blessing)

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude



Continuing Prayers

Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Pat Grahe, Betty Grimm, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, John Hieber, Libby Horn, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Lynn King, Tim Knabe, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Wayne Mason, Bruce Middlekauff, Dick Moen, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Ron Stearn, Shirley Yantz

Generosity is a Gift of the Spirit!

**It does not depend on what you have. It depends on who you are,
And what God is doing through you!**

Thank you for all of those who are returning your pledge cards. It helps us plan our Ministries & Missions, M&Ms, for the new year. If you need a 2022 pledge card, we have plenty of extra copies in the narthex. Our ushers should be able to assist you.

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The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 1:1-5)

¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O star of wonder star of night, star with loyal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. **Refrain**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain**

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. **Refrain**

Once in Royal David's City

Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for his bed: Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew, he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feel-eth for our sadness and he shar-eth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child, so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star, three Wise Men came from the country far; to seek for a King was their intent, and to follow the Star wherever it went. **Refrain**

This Star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full rev'rently upon the knee, and offered there in His presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **Refrain**