

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 6  
11:00 am Worship Service

The star...  
came to  
rest over  
the place  
where the  
child was.



Matthew 2:9, ESV



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## FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 6, 2019

### GATHERING

Friendship United Methodist Church welcomes you and rejoices that you have chosen to worship with us. Friendship Church is a congregation of caring and committed Christians. Everyone is encouraged to complete the information asked of you in the "RED" Registration Pads found in each Pew. If you would like a visit from the pastor or seek more information about Friendship Church please mark the appropriate space on the pad. We invite you to stand, if you are able, at the points of worship marked with an asterisk. We invite you to read aloud with others at those places in **bold print**. Friendship Church hopes that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and helps you to grow in your love of God.

The rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Giovanni Steven Labriola on December 28, 2018. His parents are Thomas & Lynne, brother Dominic, sister Stella, and grandparents are Robert & Vicki Labriola.

### WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Still, Still, Still" (arr. Paxton)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: The splendor of Christ shines upon us.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH 219 “What Child Is This”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

John Kovacs father John G. Kovacs and grandmother Alice Marsh – experiencing medical issues, Bill Eversfield’s brother Tommy Eversfield, Rob Sybert, Greg Kernan, Pastor Wayne Chung, Kathy Thorne, Kathy Wallace, Buddy Frost – diagnosed with dementia, Debbie Shefka & family, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation, The Way Forward/Special General Conference of the UMC Feb. 23-26, the relationship between Voices In Praise, Incorporated and Friendship United Methodist Church.

MORNING 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*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT: Ruth Bailey

MUSIC BY VOICES IN PRAISE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Naverund)

PRESENTATION OF OUR MORNING OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory: Selection by Voices In Praise

\*Doxology: UMH 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith (In Unison) UMH 880 “The Nicene Creed”

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 254 “We Three Kings”

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (pages 1-2 in pew Bible)

MESSAGE: “By the Light of a Star”

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD (Please follow along on the bulletin insert)

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT: UMH 220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “Heralds of the Newborn King” (Koury)

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## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Invitation to the Table

L: Christ invites to this table all who confess faith in His Promises and who intend to live as reconciled people. Let us, as God's forgiven and accepted people, come and share in this meal that has been prepared for us.  
(Moment of silent reflection)

### Great Thanksgiving

L: Before the mountains were brought forth or You had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting You alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in Your Image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your Love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your Prophets. And so, with Your People on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your Glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ, in whom You have revealed Yourself, our Light and our Salvation. You sent a star to guide the Magi to where the Christ was born; and Your Signs and Witnesses in every age and through all the world have led Your People from far places to His Light. In His Baptism and in His Table Fellowship He took His Place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your People. By the Baptism of his suffering, Death, and Resurrection You gave birth to Your Church,

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delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His Disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His Disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your Mighty Acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on this bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by His Blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Jesus Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His Heavenly Banquet.

**P: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your Holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

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