

Member Prayer Requests

*Melissa Rainey	Ernie Carlson
Dianne Isakson & Family	Lindsay Wetzel
Bill Davis	Delta Reedy
Marge Crozier	Genie Neely
Tom Jackson & Family	Lee O'Neal

Ron Sherwood	Tom Billig
Dan Edmonds	Laurie Hetherington
Hillary Steiner	Elner Rainey

Friends & Relatives Prayer Requests

Ellie Howe requested by Andrea Buhr
 Ashley T. requested by Allison Vittur
 Cheryl requested by Sharon Humphrey
 Ken Dye requested by Jane Dye
 Burt Kamin requested by Becky Conroy

Serving in our Armed Forces

Thomas Brainerd	James Craig Jones
Monica Conway	Ashley Stefani Pillow
Timothy Devine	Tim Uphoff
David Freeman	James Wells
Hunter Hamilton	Yancey Whittaker

Our Home Bound Members

Lois Cheole	Mary Richards
Jean Cooper	Adam Riggins
Joyce Gillum	Dee Speckhals
Wayne Hanks	Barbara Weeks
Hazel Morgan	Tom Willis
Doris Reid	

A memorial service to celebrate the life of former U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 6, at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3180 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30305. All attendees are asked to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear masks during the service.

Wise & Willing



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Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

January 2, 2022
 Second Sunday After Christmas

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January 2, 2022
10:00 am

Prelude	<i>The Three Kings</i> Ms. Carolyn Swain, organist	Hopkins/Held
Call to Worship	<i>Days of Elijah</i> The Summit Ensemble	Magi bearing gifts
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Harden Hopper
*Hymn of Praise UMH 254	<i>We Three Kings</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
Affirmation of Faith UMH 889	Affirmation From 1 Timothy 2	Rev. Hamby/ All
<p>PASTOR: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify. ALL: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.</p>		
Gloria Patri	<i>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. Amen.</i>	
Children's Moment		Mrs. Jeni McCord
Special Music	<i>Simple Gospel</i> The Summit Ensemble	B. Human and W. Reagan
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Rev. Hamby
Special Music	<i>Spirit of God</i> Mrs. Donna Rice, soloist	S. Garnaas-Holmes

***Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Hamby

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶ “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Message **Wise & Willing** Rev. Hopper

Holy Communion Revs. Hopper, Stewart & Hamby
The January Rail Offering is designated for the Mar Elias Peace Study Center.
The goal of the Mar Elias Peace Study Center is to equip new generations of the brightest Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Druze students in Israel/Palestine to know “the Other,” to be creative problem solvers and bridge-builders, and to become key leaders in their professions and their society. Website is: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/3020532/>

Hymn of Commitment UMH 245 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL

Offerings Rev. Hopper

Doxology UMH 95 Old 100th
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Benediction Rev. Hopper

Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
Ms. Carolyn Swain, Organist D. Buxtehude

*Congregation standing: Persons with physical limitations are invited to remain comfortably seated.

Days of Elijah

Verse 1
These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus 1
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2
And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Misc 1
(Bridge)
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

254 We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and God and

tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er,
De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing,
gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

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fol - low - ing yon - der star.
o - ver us all to reign.
wor - ship - ing God on high. O star of
sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
sounds through the earth and skies.

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won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright, west - ward

28

lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Simple Gospel

Verse 1

I want to know You Lord like I know a friend

I want to know You Lord

(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

(So) I'm laying down all my religion

I'm laying down

I want to know You Lord

(REPEAT)

Verse 2

I used to think that I could box You in

But I'm laying down

I want to know You Lord

(REPEAT)

Verse 3

Lord I've been told to be ashamed

Lord I've been told I don't measure up

Lord I've been told I'm not good enough

But You're here with me

Misc 1

(Bridge)

I reach out and You find me in the dust

And You say no amount of untruths can separate us

Chorus 2

I will rejoice in the simple gospel

I will rejoice in You Lord

(REPEAT)

The First Noel

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1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay
 east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was
 hem it took its rest; and there it did both
 ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL
 Irr. with Refrain