

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We are a Congregation Caring For and About God's Community  
January 8, 2023 - 10:00am - Epiphany Sunday

\* Please Stand if you are able

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude:** "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

*African American Spiritual; arr. Jack Jones*

**Welcome and Announcements** – Please sign in on the Attendance pads,  
or use your phone and the QR Code to the right to sign in electronically  
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**\*Opening Hymn UMH #245:** "The First Noel"

1) 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.

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

2) 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]*

3) And by the light of that same star  
Three wisemen came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star  
wherever it went. *[Refrain]*

4) 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]*

5) Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh  
and frankincense. *[Refrain]*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**Call to Worship:**

L: Light! Light, light and more light! Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**P: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

L: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi came from the East, saying:

**P: Where is he who is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.**

L: The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you! Thanks be to God for the gift of light!**

## Time of Silent Meditation

### The Pastoral Prayer lifting Celebrations and Concerns

**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.**

## Living Our Gratitude

♪ *Please continue to support your church family as we recover from this season of pandemic. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.*

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### **Offertory:**

*“The Coventry Carol”*

*English Carol; arr Chris de Silva*

### **The Doxology:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**UMH #94**

**Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:* Holy Christ, as the Magi from the East knelt before your manger with gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense, so we likewise bring you our gifts and treasure, that we might both worship you and serve the world you were born to save. Amen.**

## Hymn – FWS #2094: *“Carol of the Epiphany”*

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| 1) I sought him dressed in finest clothes,<br>Where money talks and status grows;<br>But power and wealth he never chose:<br>It seemed he lived in poverty. | but no one knew his presence there:<br>It seemed he lived in obscurity.  |
| 2) I sought him in the safest place,<br>Remote from crime or cheap disgrace;<br>But safety never knew his face:<br>It seemed he lived in jeopardy.          | 4) Then, in the streets we heard the word<br>That seemed, for all the world, absurd:<br>That those who could no gifts afford<br>Were entertaining Christ the Lord. |
| 3) I sought him where the spotlights glare,<br>Where crowds collect and critics stare;  | 5) And so, distinct from all we'd planned,<br>Among the poorest of the land,<br>We did what few might understand:<br>We touched God in a baby's hand.              |

## Children's Message – *A special moment just for kids*

### **Choral Anthem:**

*“See That Baby, See That Star”*

*by Jay Althouse*

## Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible N.T. pg. 1-2

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to honor him.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘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.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then 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 honor him.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and honored him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Response to the Word

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon:

*Pastor Amy Terhune*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you,

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere,  
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

In the fullness of time, you gave your only son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

At his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest heaven,  
and peace to your people on earth.

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 the One 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 wise men to where the Christ was born;  
and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,  
You have led your people from far places to his light.  
As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago,  
so, 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 given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”  
Likewise, 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. As often as you drink of this, remember me.  
And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus,  
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: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.  
and on each person within reach of my voice.  
Bless our offerings of bread and juice, that they may be for us the body and blood  
of 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 Christ comes in final victory, and we feast together at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Those who worship with us in person this morning are invited to come forward, take a cup with a piece of bread and a serving of juice and return to your seats. When all have been served, we will eat the bread and drink the juice together. Leave your plastic waste in the pew and it will be gathered following worship for recycling.*

*Those who worship online from home this morning are invited to use what you have in your home (bread, crackers, juice, etc.) to participate in the sacrament along with the congregation.*

***WE GO AS WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #237: “Sing We Now of Christmas” (vs. 1, 4, 5)**

1) Sing we now of Christmas,  
Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises  
to the babe so dear.

4) From the eastern country  
came the kings afar,  
Bearing gifts to Bethlehem,  
guided by a star. [Refrain]

Refrain: Sing we Noel,  
the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas,  
Sing we now Noel!

5) Gold and myrrh they took there,  
gifts of greatest price;  
There was never a stable  
so like paradise. [Refrain]

**\*Benediction:**

L: Beloved, may the light of God pulse within you and give you hope; may the light of God radiate out from you to give others hope; and may the light of God go before you to lead you into this week and this year as your guiding star.

**P: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord and all God’s people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* Postlude:**

*“We Three Kings”*

*by John H Hopkins Jr.; arr. Robert Lind*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for your service!!** Liturgist: Anne Marks-Gaertner / Greeters: Judy Gerken, Jackie Moore / Ushers: Keith Courier, Norm Jones, Max Mondol / Coffee Hour Host: Jill Spaulding / Welcome Desk: Sheryl Clauss / Nursery: Katie Moon / Sound System: Angie Smith

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Madge Richmond, Jean Richardson

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Abbe, Ed Babinski, David Barker, Barry Brown, Myrna Cammin, Bonnie & Pat Dole, Esther Cavendish Fisher, Wayne Henney, Dr. Kirk Herrick, Glenn Hinds, Barb Kropp, Joyce Maltman, Camille Marek, Sheldon & Bonnie Markley, John Mertz, Merlyn Mondol, Bob & Sharon Mueller, Wendy Southgate Murphy, Ron Perry, Al & Teddy Reichard, Jean Richardson, Anne Ruffle, Eugenia Shek, and all who are grieving. Also, please pray for UMCOR, for all suffering from Covid-19, for the end of war in Ukraine, for those plagued by famine in East Africa, for an end to division in our nation, and for peace/equality for humankind.

**STAY TODAY AND HELP UN-DECK THE HALLS AFTER WORSHIP.** Also, help pack up food for Children's Backpacks.

**YOUTH NEWS – MISSION TRIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – TONIGHT, Jan. 8 6:00pm**  
ALSO, Sunday, Jan. 15, 4-6pm - Superbowl painting for mission trip at Painterly Pottery, 923 N. Water Street, Bay City, MI.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY – Saturday, January 14, 9:30am-Noon.** Once APFG moves out and the back classrooms are empty, there is some cleaning and rearranging that needs to be done to get our building ready for the next phase of ministry.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEES** will meet Monday, January 9 – Nurture at 6:00pm – Reach, Prepare, and Send at 7:00pm. **TRUSTEES** will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 7:15pm.

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS** will resume on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning January 10. Sign up online or call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to help set up, serve, cook, or clean-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-community>. You can sign up to donate food at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food2>.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST –** Next Sunday, January 15 at 8:30am.

**SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM** to help families facing food insecurity. To deliver food to schools on Mondays, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-food>.

**COFFEE HOUR hosts needed.** Sign up at the welcome desk or sign up and view instructions online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAFAC2BA0FD0-coffee>. You may also call the church office at (989) 799-0131 to sign up. Thank you!

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PRAYER BREAKFAST –** sponsored by Ezekiel Project. Saturday, February 25, 9:00-11:30am. Tickets available from Pastor Amy for \$40 each. See attached flyer.

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**2/25/2023 @ 9:00-11:30AM**



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*"Listening for The Voice of God"*

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Rev. Dr. John Welch**

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the Gamaliel Foundation and nationally  
recognized speaker and community activist.

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