

# New Year's Day January 1, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Pam Colbrunn

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Praise God, all who dwell on this earth. Praise God in the heights and depths of life.

**P: We will recount the deeds of God. Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.**

L: Praise God, sun and moon and stars. Praise God, fire and hail, snow and frost.

**P: Men and women, young and old, together: Let us praise and honor the Creator.**

L: Let God's name be praised and exalted. God's glory is above heaven and earth.

**A: By God's steadfast love, we are drawn to worship. Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH#254

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of the prophets, God of our dreams and our waking moments, God of our times of weeping and our days of gladness, lead us, we pray, from all that would destroy the best you have placed within us. Lead us toward those times and places where we can grow in the likeness of Jesus. Help us to discern the warnings and the invitations that come from you so our lives may be a beacon to lead others to fulfillment and joy. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "There's a Song in the Air" UMH#249

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Pam Colbrunn  
Offertory

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Awesome God, when we recount your gracious deeds and praiseworthy acts, we want to imitate them. Because of your mercy and favor and the abundance of your steadfast love, we are moved to respond. Thank you for the gift of life, for all you have entrusted to us, for your watchful care over us, for surrounding us with love when loss and suffering overwhelm us. It is when we give with generous hearts that we begin to understand how much we have been given. Thank you, God. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon Pastor Andy Wagner  
"Angels of Christmas: The Angel Returns to Joseph"

Hymn "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (See Insert)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH #13

\*\*Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH #251

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Pam Colbrunn



## Gospel Lesson – Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

### The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

### The Return to Nazareth

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



## Angels of Christmas: The Angel to Returns to Joseph



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**January 1, 2023**

### Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing, Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	Wayne Cook, Rhonda Cook
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Guest Organist	Pam Colbrunn
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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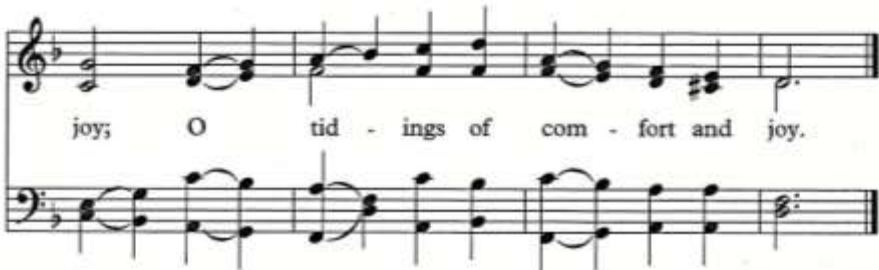
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