

# January 7, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

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

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Star Medley" arr. by Marilynn Ham

\*\*Call to Worship

Christ's light is shining.

**His light calls us to respond with joy.**

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**His radiance invites our worship and praise. Amen.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of glory and grace, shine upon our worship with your presence. Shine in our hearts with your love. Shine in our lives with your grace, that we may arise with confidence and go forth to bring your justice and love to all. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

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.**

Offering/Offertory "March of the Kings" Carol Stewart

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Glorious God, bring glory to these gifts and to the offering we share with you and your church. Bring the light of your justice and righteousness to the dark corners of our world. Bring the glory of your love and compassion to heal our broken communities. Bring the hope of generosity and gratitude to places in need of transformation. Amen.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

Ministry of Music Melody Kelley, vocal solo; Joyce Smith, flute  
"O Savior, Hear Me" Christoph Willibald Gluck

Sermon "Magi In Us" Rev. Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion & Remembering Our Baptisms UMH #15-16

\*\*Closing Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" (v.1,3,4) UMH #723

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" John H. Hopkins/Tedd Smith

# Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

## The Magi Visit the Messiah

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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## January 7, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Will Mossing Chad Mossing, Bob Whipp
Greeters	John Grayson, Elaine Grayson
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
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	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts Leaders	6:00 pm	FH 15A
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	Special Olympics Basketball	6:30 pm	FCC
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**MEN OF FAITH:** The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Jan. 15 at 6:00 pm** in Room 16A-B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Pizza will be served. We will have a social time during the meal. We will then join the community sponsored Martin Luther King event. All men are urged to attend. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

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