

# Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023

10 am

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

*Prelude in G minor, BWV 929*

Andy Potts

~J.S.Bach

### Welcome & Announcements

Jen

- We are beginning Blood Pressure Screening again. Starting next Sunday in the Conference room.

### Call to Worship

Rick Fairhurst

Come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

**The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Christ, the Light of the world, illumines God's hidden plan:

**God has made us joint heirs of the promise of salvation!**

Come, let us worship the Lord,

for God has done wondrous things!

**Let us bring our most treasured gifts**

**and seek the One whose life is the light of all people.**

### Opening Hymn

*We Three Kings*

UMH# 254

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#### Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are | Bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star

#### Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light

#### Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain | Gold I bring to crown him again

King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I | incense owns a Deity nigh

Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom

Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb **(Refrain)**

## Verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise | King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies **(Refrain)**

## Opening Prayer

**Rick**

God of glory, You have made this day bright with Your love. By guiding Magi into Christ's presence by the light of a shining star, You have revealed Yourself to be the God of all peoples, nations and cultures. As we worship today, may we allow the light of Christ's most gracious life to guide us into new ways of being, for He alone is our light and our salvation. Amen.

## Response

*Christ Is the World's Light*

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## Verse 1

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other  
Born in our darkness, he became our brother  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father | Glory to God on high!

## Verse 2

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other  
No one can serve him and despise another  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father | Glory to God on high!

## Verse 3

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other  
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother  
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father | Glory to God on high!

## Verse 4

Give God the glory, God and none other  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father  
Give God the glory, God-with-us, my brother | Glory to God on high!

## A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

## Proclamation and Response

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## Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

**Rick**

<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 in the east and have come to pay him homage." <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 pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, 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 paid him homage. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Message**

Pastor Jen Eschliman

**Prayers of the People**

**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.

**Thanksgiving**

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

*How Many Kings*

Northside Chapel Praise Band

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## Doxology

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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.

## Closing Hymn

### *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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#### Verse 1

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee

#### Verse 2

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed  
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat

#### Verse 3

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger, rude and bare  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King

#### Verse 4

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way  
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide where no clouds thy glory hide

#### Verse 5

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown | Thou its sun which goes not down  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King!

## Sending Forth

## Benediction

## Postlude

Presto from *Sonata in C minor*

~G.B. Pescetti

Andy Potts