

# Epiphany



**January 2, 2022**  
**Epiphany / 3 Kings Sunday**  
*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:15 AM  
Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM  
Worship Service @ 10:30 AM  
Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship  
Post Worship: Fellowship Hour

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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**Something to Think and Pray About:**

"Love, whether newly born, or aroused from a deathlike slumber, must always create sunshine, filling the heart so full of radiance, this it overflows upon the outward world."

**-Nathaniel Hawthorne**

"This: were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly, We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death, But had thought they were different; this Birth was Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death. We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, With an alien people clutching their gods. I should be glad of another death." **-T.S. Eliot**

**GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY**

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude **"Go Tell It on the Mountain"** Matthias Michel

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In our desire to extend the welcome and love of Christ we want to call each other by name.  
Please help us do so and take this time to fill out our "Registration of Attendance."*

+ Opening Hymn #167 [vs. 3-5] **"The First Noel"**

*And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest; Over Bethlehem it took its rest.  
And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

*Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

+ **Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession** (with Assurance of Pardon) (responsive)  
[inspired by Ephesians 3:1-12]

**Leader:** As those prepared to suffer in the Name of Christ, for the sake of those who don't yet believe, we gather to celebrate YOUR Grace and commission upon us, O GOD.

**PEOPLE:** **Reveal YOURSELF to us, afresh, we pray. Help us to understand YOUR mysteries.**

**Leader:** Even though people don't and haven't always comprehended Christ, we are thankful that YOU have made him known through YOUR holy apostles and prophets.

**PEOPLE:** **Pour-out YOUR Spirit once more, we ask. Assure us that Jews and Gentiles, both, can be fellow-heirs and co-members of the same body -sharers in the promise of Jesus and his Gospel.**

**Leader:** Forgive us, too, when we fail to serve YOU with YOUR grace and in YOUR power.

**PEOPLE:** **Grant us humility to esteem other saints before ourselves, but also stand in thankful confidence that we have a message to share with those who don't yet see YOUR Plan.**

**Leader:** For YOU created all things, and have granted The Church wisdom to share The Good News, in a variety of ways, to even the rulers and authorities in heavenly places.

**ALL: This is in accordance with the Eternal Purpose that YOU have carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us access YOU in boldness and confidence -through our faith in him; AMEN!**

+ Sung Response #191 [vs. 3] **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

*Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”*

**SUBMITTING OURSELVES TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD**

**The Christian Scriptures** (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Matthew 2:1-12

Children’s Message

*(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday school.)*

**Communion Meditation:**  
**“The Whole of Life”**

+ Hymn of Response and Preparation #202 [vs. 2-4] **“We Three Kings”**

*Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again –  
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising – Worship Him, God on high.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom –  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Gathering at The Lord’s Table**

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Invitation and Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

*(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)*

**Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection**

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Response #184 [vs. 1] **“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”**

*God rest you merry, gentlemen; Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan’s power When we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!*

# Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory **“We Three Kings”** Marianne Kim

+ Offertory Response #179 [vs. 3] **“What Child Is This?”**

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

**Prayer of Dedication** [inspired by Isaiah 60:1-6] (responsive)

**Leader:** We arise and strive to shine for YOU, Holy One -bringing our offerings in thanks for the light and glory YOU have made to come upon us.

**PEOPLE:** **Even when the world seems drenched in darkness, still YOU illuminate YOUR people, so we give out of gratitude.**

**Leader:** Take what we share, we pray, and use it to draw all nations and kings to the light of YOUR dawn.

**PEOPLE:** **And we ask for wisdom to steward these resources well -that everyone would be led to lift up their eyes and gather to YOU.**

**Leader:** Then, we will see and be radiant ourselves; our hearts will thrill and rejoice.

**PEOPLE:** **YOU have given us great abundance and we want to return the wealth of the nations to YOUR purposes.**

**Leader:** Like foreign dignitaries and all of the beautiful, unique gifts they could bring, we give our tithes.

**ALL:** **Receive all that we contribute as though it were a kings' ransom, the incense of worship, and the materials to honor a life lost. For in all of these, we seek to proclaim YOUR praise; AMEN!**

## Following and Sharing The Light of The Christ Child

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #181 [vs. 1-3] **“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night,  
Behold! Throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.  
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.*

Postlude **“We Three Kings of Orient Are”** Fred Bock

### COMING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday after Epiphany / Monthly OCWM Mission Offering

Theme/Message: **“Power and Love: Remembering Who and Whose We Are”**

Focus Text: Luke 3:15-22 (with Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29)