



## Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

### Prelude

#### *Ukrainian Bell Carol*

arr. Matthew Naughtin

Karen Galvin, Ariadna Bazarnik, Petra Berényi and Bonnie Thron  
string quartet

### Greeting

Adam Charville

A new star has risen in the heavens, and it points us to the King of kings and Lord of lords!  
We have observed your star, and we have come to pay homage to you, Jesus.  
We lay before you our treasure, and we open to you our lives.

### Hymn

#### *We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses 1, 2 and 5

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *(Refrain)*

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

### Opening Prayer

Adam Charville

We come to your light, O God of All History, seeking to experience your presence at work among us and within each one. In our poverty of spirit we reach for the unsearchable riches of Christ. Amid our narrowness of vision we long for an outpouring of your all-inclusive love. From our advantaged position in your world we seek to develop greater compassion for the needy and oppressed. Move us from our complacency to be and do more fully as you intend. Amen.

### First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

John Mills

### Time with Young Disciples

Laurie Harrell

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Rick Clayton

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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 pay him

homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘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.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Light Followers”</b>	Rick Clayton
<b>Sharing Joys and Concerns</b>		Molly White
<b>Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer</b>		Molly White
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>We Three Kings</i>	arr. Steven Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt and Al van der Beek
	Sunrise Kim, cello, and Stephen Aber, piano	
<b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; 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!	
<b>Benediction</b>		Rick Clayton

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## *Prayer Bookmark*

<p><b>Deaths</b> Ruth Moore Page, mother of Rebecca Page Jerry Pope, mother of Vanessa Poston</p> <p><b>Wedding</b> Virginia Lilley McMillan &amp; Woodburn McNeill Williams</p> <p><b>Births</b> Margaret Logan Mordecai &amp; Samuel Fox Mordecai, IV, daughter &amp; son of Liz &amp; Sam Mordecai, grandchildren of Alexandra &amp; Sam Mordecai</p> <p><b>Ongoing Concerns</b> Mark Angelo Richard Birtch</p>	<p><b>Ongoing Concerns</b> Kermit Braswell Kent Burns Kim Collins Mary Lou Goodrich David Hesmer Finlay Carter Judy Margaret Lucas Jo Ann Moore John Phillips Robert Earl Phyllian Jane Preiss David Robertson Rhumell Ross Barbara Smith Nancy Stamey Phil Templeton Elvey Thomas</p>	<p><b>Ongoing Concerns</b> Georgia Webb</p> <p><b>Our Church Leaders</b> Pastors Rick, Adam and Molly D.S. Southern; Bishop Ward</p> <p><b>Our In-Crowd Members</b></p> <p><b>Church members who have suffered from COVID or are caring for those with the virus</b></p> <p><b>Those grieving the over 345K who have died from COVID in the US</b></p> <p><b>Our Leaders at All Levels of the Government</b></p>
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