

REACH OUT IN CHRIST  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 8, 2023 10:00am

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" #247:1,3

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to worship this day!

**People: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.**

L: They shall be given to you.

**P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.**

L: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

**P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. AMEN.**

Offertory

Doxology

A Time of Prayer (*Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.*)

Anthem "Blessed Assurance"  
Choir

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. 2 They asked, "Where is the newborn

king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. 4 He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

*6 You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel."*

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." 9 When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. 11 They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Sermon "A Light to Enlighten the Nations" Pastor John

Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206:1,2

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**—Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Murphy Mullens, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Pastor John Griswold, James (friend of Ruth Dean), Bill Madity (brother of Diane Walsh), Howell family, Ginny Monroe, Joe McGinley, McKinley family, Rosemary Pignataro, Charlotte Perolio, Sherri Schmitz, Evelyn Sheppard and family, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Anna and Hellwig Herber (Elke's mom and brother), Louis Kaduk, Starla Knox and family, Jeanne Summerford, Ainsworth Brown, Tom Miller.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

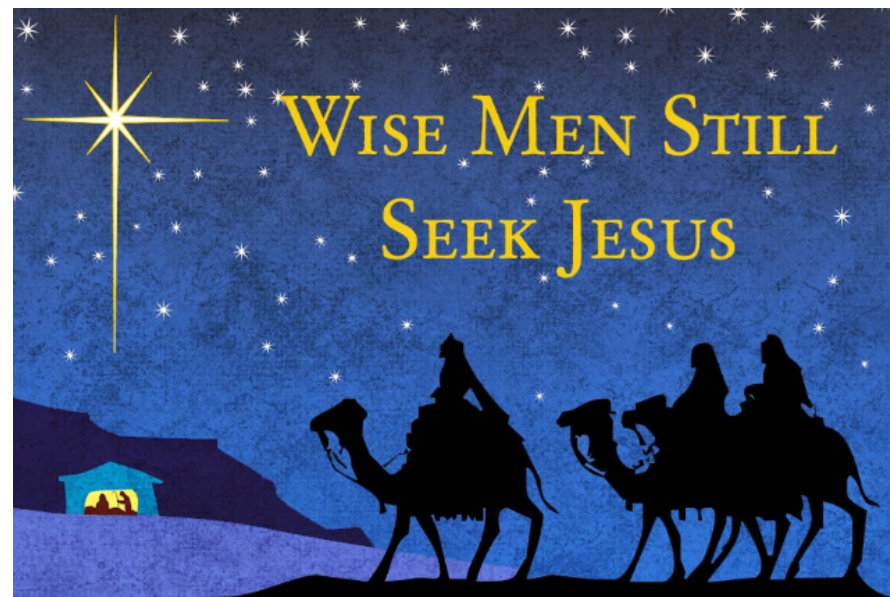
**\*WORSHIP COMMITTEE**—Please stay after worship today to help us with taking down the Christmas decorations.

**\*CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES 2023**—The use of designated envelopes helps with managing your contributions but it is optional. Keep in mind that online giving is also available now. If you would like to use envelopes, please pick them up in the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order of last names. If you don't see envelopes with your name on it, please take a packet and write down your name and envelope number on the sign-out sheet.

**\*CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Please join us!

**\*BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am. Materials are provided.

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