

REVS. ANDREW & NIKKI BATEN, *Co-Pastors*

MR. ANDY JACOB, *Musician*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 11:00AM EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

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**Prelude** *Improvisation on "We Three Kings"*

**Welcome**

**Solo Hymn** *Sing We Now of Christmas*

**UMH 237** (stanzas 1, 4, 5)

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**Chalking of the Door**

P: The Lord is with you;

**C: And also with you.**

P: The Magi came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. They brought to him precious gifts: gold to honor the newborn king, frankincense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint his body, which one day would die like our own.

Let us pray. O God, you once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord — Jesus born of Mary — shall be revealed.

**C: And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

P: O God of Light, bless this holy house and this community of faith. May this be a place of peace and health. May each member of this community cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all. Make this place a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from here, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

**C: As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.**

P: Lord Jesus, through your Incarnation and birth in true human form, you have made all the earth holy. We now ask your blessing upon this simple gift of your creation — chalk. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool for us to mark the doors of our home with the symbols of your wise servants who, so long ago, came to worship and adore you in your first home.

P: May we, in this holy house, and all who come to worship, to work, and to play, remember these things throughout the coming year. May all who come and go from here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts.

**C: May we be Christ's light in the world. Amen.**

**Hymn** *We Three Kings*

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.

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

**Benediction**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 3

9:00am NLW Service FLC

11:00am Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 5

1:00pm Worship Planning meeting

### Wednesday, January 6

10:00am Food Pantry

### Sunday, January 10

9:00am NLW Service FLC

11:00am Traditional Worship Service Sanctuary

**MASKS REQUIRED** in accordance with public health guidelines everyone is required to wear a mask inside our facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** reminder that we are not ordering boxed sets of giving envelopes for 2021. If you want envelopes we can provide them. Let the office know.

**THE HEADWAY SUCCESS GROUP** After School Program, provides a safe space for children during the day and helps them complete their online schoolwork. Due to financial challenges related to COVID-19, some of these children can no longer attend the program, leaving young elementary students to learn at home without adults present. An emergency scholarship fund will allow some of these students to return to the program during school time. \$80 covers the cost of one child for a week, so any amount you are able to contribute is appreciated. Please note "Headway Success" on the memo line of your check.

**JANUARY** Mission Wagon = The Farm at New Garden Park

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Rev. Ed Armfield, Betty Batchlor, Dalton Beaman, Wayne Cable, Glenda Carpenter, Mary Jane Carter, family of Mary Katheryn Cockerham, Janet Conti, Louis Couture, George Duncan, Debbie Ellenwood, Mary Gailey, Amber Hankeison, Dick Hankeison, Bob Harris, Lynda Hodges, Annabelle Ivy, Alice Ann Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Jimmy & Darlenda Marquis, Don & Gwen Masters, Mary Joyce Masters-Marks, Belva & Larry McCuiston, Jerry Moser, Sandy Newman, Lois Peele, Ruby Rives, Susan Rollins, Pat Routh, Byron Stevenson, Carolyn Stone, Jonathan Wagstaff, Randy Weatherly, Judy Wood, Joe & Dorene Yow, Mike Yow

FOR THE RECORD	ATTENDANCE
@11/30/20:	@ 12/27/20
<b>REVENUE</b> \$ 301,528	<b>NLW = 48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b> \$ 283,760	<b>11am = 27</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b> \$ 17,768	<b>Total = 75</b>