

# Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2016

## PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Jim Wall

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Pastor and Congregation

**ALL: Come, let us worship and bow down!**

*PASTOR: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

**PEOPLE: The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.**

*PASTOR: The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world.*

**PEOPLE: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

*PASTOR: The Lord is our light and our salvation.*

**PEOPLE: We shall not be afraid.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship and bow down!**

OPENING PRAYER .....Pastor

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 60:1-3 and 6*.....Reggie Jackson

**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

**<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;**

**but the LORD will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.**

**<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

HYMN ... "We Three Kings" ..... 113

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....Congregation

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER..... Rev. Wall

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "What Child Is This?" ... 118

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Matthew 2:1-11* ..... Reggie Jackson

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men 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 at its rising, 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 wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

ANTHEM ... "They Had Joy!" ..... Choir

SERMON ... *Magi: "Star-Struck"* ..... Rev. Wall

CLOSING HYMN... "As with Gladness Men of Old" ...vs. 1 and 3 ..... 117

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Wall

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

5:30 p.m. ....Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. ....**BREAKFAST SUPPER**

6:30 p.m. .... Pastor Search Committee to share information and thoughts concerning pastoral candidate.

SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **COVERED DISH SUPPER**

**MEET AND GREET the candidate for new pastor**

SUNDAY

**12:00 noon ... Immediately following Worship.....Vote on Pastoral Candidate**

**USHERS**

**TODAY**..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY**..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

**PRAYER LIST**

<b>Church family:</b> Wayne Abbott, Pat Morgan, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Rachel McCaskill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Mildred Grey, Rodney Loflin, Melissa Nelson, Florence Cagle, Jane Covington, Vera McAlister			Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
			Butch/Nancy Jenkins		
Candy Loflin					
<b>Service Personnel:</b> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart					
Tim Lednum...New Building Project Manager					
Pam and Pete Westafer					

*Our Love and Sympathy...* to Mary Lee James at the loss of her brother, James Britt.

Please continue to pray for members of the pastor search team as they prepare for the presentation of the candidate for pastor, and for our entire fellowship as we participate in the beginning of this new chapter in the life of our church.

**DEACON OF THE MONTH...John Beard**