

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

PEOPLE: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

LEADER: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

PEOPLE: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

LEADER: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

ALL: God's Light of love is shining upon us. Amen.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "The First Nowell"...v. 1, 2, & 3..... 124

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 2:1-12*..... Reggie Jackson

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.

HYMN ... "We Three Kings"...v. 1 & 5 151

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, as we rejoice at the birth of Jesus, the Christ, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.

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

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "As With Gladness Men of Old" ...v. 1, 2 & 4..... 150

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON... *Matthew 2:13-23*..... Molly Abbott

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

ANTHEM

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" 83

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. BREAKFAST
 6:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. Community Meal

USHERS

TODAY Eugene Crisco's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Chris & Barbie Blake & Laura Flach

NEXT SUNDAY Sharon Blake and Jean Maness

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister		Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother		Melissa Green	daughter
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill	Angie McCaskill	wife
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		