



## Heritage United Methodist Church

JAN 1, 2023, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

First Noel v1,2,3

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Call to Worship

Liturgist—Sonia Fulton

**Leader:** Shout to the Lord your praises!

**People:** Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

**Leader:** For God's might and power are established in the universe!

**People:** God's transforming love beckons us.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

**People:** Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. Amen.

Children's Moment

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Centering Song

What Gift Can We Bring v1,3

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Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Anthem

How Many Kings

Jacob Eppel

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

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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.

Message

REVEAL

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Affirmation Litany *(Amanda Burr)*

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Dedication of Offering

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Gracious God, we rejoice in your gifts of life, creation, and fellowship. Accept these offerings in joyous response to the blessings we have received. Help us to give as freely as we have received. Amen.

Communion

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Closing Song

There's a Song in the Air

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Blessing

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Postlude

*Pianist—Jenny Memmott Organist—Margaret Cinotto Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel*

## Worship Songs Sunday 1.1.23

### First Noel v1,2,3

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The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

### What Gift Can We Bring v1,3

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What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

### There's a Song in the Air

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There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.

Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar has swept over the world.

Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!



## Advent Devotion - Seek

1 Chronicles 16:11 states "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually".

During the advent season, it's easy to get wrapped up in the busyness. If your family is like ours, we have been running around performing/attending concerts, doing our Christmas shopping, watching Christmas movies, and putting up our decorations. Everywhere you turn, it's Christmas! The Advent season seems to end quicker than it starts. Take time to give thanks for the coming of Jesus. Stop to sing your favorite Christmas songs. Enjoy the moments of the season and never forget why we celebrate the advent season.

Proverbs 8:17 states, "I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me".

The advent season can be difficult for some. We may have fallen on hard times, are about to embark on a new journey, or may be without a loved one this season. Lean on those around you, you're not alone in this. Pray during these times as well. God wants to hear about our victories, but also wants to be there for our struggles. Try to find just a couple minutes every day to talk to God. You could be brushing your teeth, driving to work, or about to have a meal, take time to pray. Start a routine of prayer, and your relationship with God will benefit.

Prayer: God, help us all to have a Merry Christmas and a joyous and adventurous 2023 seeking Christ!

*-written by Jacob Eppel*