

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



January 1, 2023
Epiphany Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

PRELUDE -"Prelude on "I Wonder As I Wander" / R.Hebble - - -Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

Leader; We enter this new year with hope and excitement

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

ALL: O LORD, GUIDE US AS WE LOOK TO YOU & WORSHIP YOU.
AMEN.

*HYMN #254----- "We Three Kings"

OPENING PRAYER ----- Rev. Jenkins

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence.

A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem -- Christ, your Son, our Savior.

A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-Child.

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

PSALTER LESSON , Hymnal pg. 795 ----- Psalm 72

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS ----- -Rev. Jenkins

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC ----- "The Kings" / arr. P. Cornelius
Brett Miller, tenor; Dr. Jessica Scott, organ

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travelers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- -Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another

SERMON- - - - - "It Was an Epiphany" - - - - - Rev. Jenkins

*HYMN #245, v. 1-3, 5 - - - - - "The First Noel"

***BENEDICTION**

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery. Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions.

Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom, bearing profound and unusual gifts. Amen.

POSTLUDE - - - "As With Gladness Men of Old" / John Leavitt - - - Dr. Scott

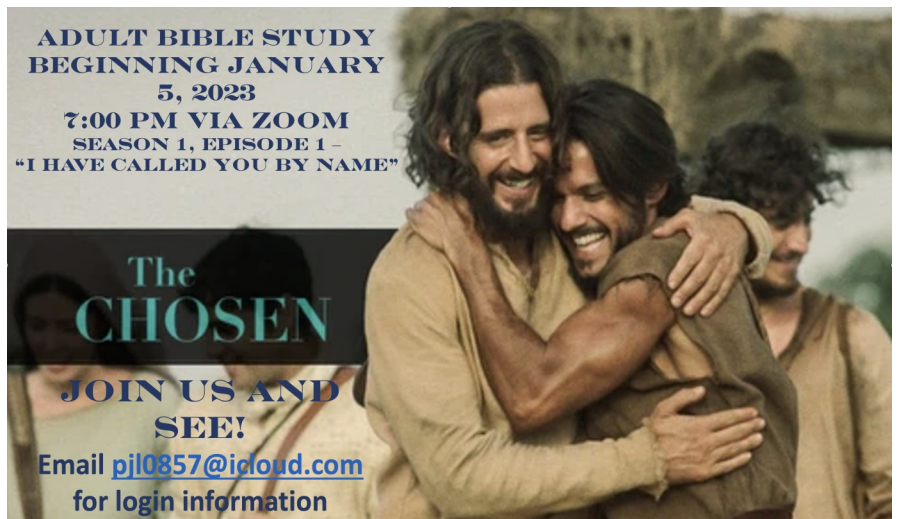
Are You Interested in a New Bible Study?

Led by member Patrick Lonergan, this Zoom study would include a weekly viewing and a following discussion.

There would likely be 10 to 12 sessions.

Though a starting date is posted, that could easily be adjusted to suit the needs of the class.

Email Patrick at pjl0857@icloud.com for details!



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY
BEGINNING JANUARY
5, 2023
7:00 PM VIA ZOOM
SEASON 1, EPISODE 1 -
"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME"**

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**JOIN US AND
SEE!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 8th -- Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
(Choir rehearsal schedule -- see below)

Tuesday, January 10th -- Vision Team meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Family Choir Rehearsal Schedule

January 8th -	9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor	
January 15th -	9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor;	10:45 a.m. sing in worship
February 12th -	9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor	
February 19th -	9:45 a.m. rehearsal in the parlor;	10:45 a.m. sing in worship

Bell Choir Rehearsal Schedule

January 22nd -	9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room	
January 29th -	9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room	
February 5th -	9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room	10:45 a.m. play in worship
February 26th -	9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room	
March 5th -	9:30 a.m. rehearsal in bell room	10:45 a.m. play in worship



All are welcome to join! Contact Brett Miller for more details.

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library

Winter Shelter -- nightly from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015
if you would like information about our Prayer Chain.

