



## St. James United Methodist Church

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# EPIPHANY

January 8, 2023

11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Welcome! We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prelude**

### **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 and worship You. Amen.**

### **Hymn – *We Three Kings***

*UMH 254*

### **Doxology**

*UMH 95*

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

### **Installation of Officers**

### **Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer**

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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.**

### **Scripture Reading – Isaiah 60: 1-6**

NRSV pew Bible, p.649 (OT)

### **Choir Anthem – *What Star Is This?***

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to His crib to bring.

Thus spake the prophet from afar, who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
And eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright, within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with pow'r benign to seek the Giver of the sign.

To God the father, heav'nly Light; to Christ, revealed in earthly night;  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

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**Gospel Reading – Matthew 2: 1-12**

NRSV pew Bible, pp.1-2 (NT)

**Message –What Gift Are You Bringing?**

Pastor Dan Baer

**Hymn – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

UMH 206

**Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World**

Today's Greeters: Judy Lassiter & Winnie Webb

Today's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Greeters: Diane Lipscomb & Matoka Snuggs

Next Week's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.  
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are  
available at the entrance if your child would like one.

## **What to know this week...**

### **Calendar this week:**

**TODAY, 1/8**      *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*  
*Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary*  
*\*Youth Parents' Meeting, 3:30PM in Carson Hall*  
*Congregational care Meeting, 4PM in Room 12*  
*\*Kids Club, 4PM in Carson Hall*  
*St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall*  
*Finance Committee, 6PM in Room 12*  
*N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall*

**Tues, 1/10**      *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*  
*Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office*

**Wed. 1/11**      *Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary*

**Thurs, 1/12**      *Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall*

**New Proverbs Study:** *Do you think you are wise? Do you know how the book of Proverbs can make you wiser? Come join our discipleship class as we study the book of Proverbs, starting today – NO HOMEWORK!! We are using a video to stimulate discussion! Come whenever you can! We meet Sundays in Room 12 from 10:15-10:55AM. Questions? Contact Leslie Payne ([lbpayne2015@gmail.com](mailto:lbpayne2015@gmail.com); 919-818-4850).*

**Church T-shirts are here!** *Come to the lobby today before or after service for church t-shirt distribution. Also, we have a limited number of extra T-shirts to sell. Drop by to check them out!*

**Learn more about volunteering at PNC Arena concessions!** *Orientation sessions will be held in Carson Hall on Sunday, January 15 at 10:30AM and Sunday, January 22 at 12:10PM. The sessions will be identical, so you only need to attend one. Come and join the FUN!*

**\*Youth Parents:** *We will meet at 3:30 this afternoon in Carson Hall to discuss the spring semester and summer youth activities.*

**\*Kids Club** *for children PreK – grade 5 will meet today at 4PM in Carson Hall. Join us to make crafts, play games, learn a Bible lesson, and hang out together – all with a snack supper with the Youth afterwards! We hope to see you this afternoon!*

**Bread Ministry location:** *We've officially moved the bread to the hallway counter behind Carson Hall on Sunday mornings. Please use gloves to take whatever you like, and leave your donations in the marked box on the counter. Thanks for supporting the Bread Ministry!*