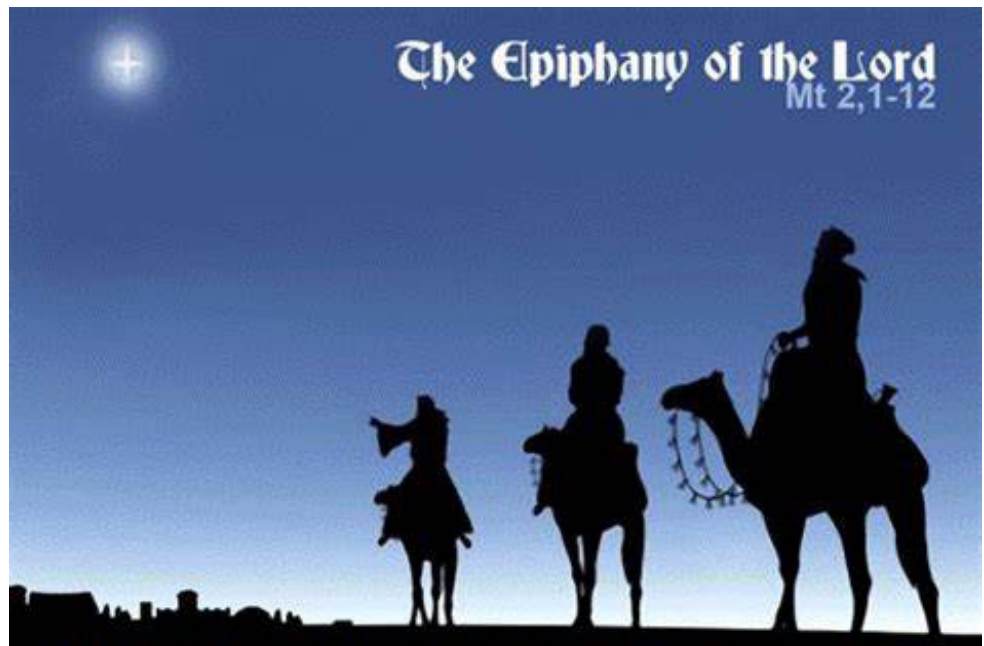


Welcome to **WESLEY MEMORIAL**

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers
of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023
EPIPHANY SUNDAY



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
11:00 AM

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WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 1, 2023

Sanctuary

11:00 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY
March of the Magi

F. Flaxington Harker

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray,
and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God.

WELCOME

Jeff Patterson

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Polish Carol

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing,
little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels
singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing,
free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe
was born for you.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation reads bold print

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Let us pray:

**O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the
East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.**

**Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his
unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before
the brightness of his rising, now and forever. Amen.**

† HYMN NO. 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Read in Unison

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done
your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the
cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Notebooks during the announcements. If you are a guest, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church.



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This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jeff Patterson

“Epiphany: What About Those Who Don’t Want to Worship The Christ Child”

ON COMMUNION

SUNDAY’S we profess the Nicene Creed, AD325, that professes the faith of the universal church.

*universal

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and read in unison

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy *catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Saw You Never in the Twilight

French Carol

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wisemen, watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the King was given and they followed it from far. Heard you never of that story how they crossed the desert wild, journeyed on by plain and mountain, ‘til they found the holy Child? How they opened all their treasure, kneeling to that infant King: Gave the gold and fragrant incense, gave the myrrh in offering? Know you not that lowly baby was the bright and Morning Star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darkened isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle; there our heart’s best treasures bring: Love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God and King.

† DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EPIPHANY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you have given birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness

of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Please be seated

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



SHARING THE EUCHARIST

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Birthday of a King

W. H. Neidlinger

In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a child one day, and the sky was bright with a holy light, o'er the place where Jesus lay: Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! how it rang, and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'twas the birthday of a King. 'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh! how much God gave to us that day, from the manger bed, what a path has led, what a perfect holy way: Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! how it rang; and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'twas the birthday of a King!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (PRAY IN UNISON)

The Wesley Covenant Prayer

“I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”**

† HYMN No. 245
The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Benedictus
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His Incarnate Word!

Dan Forrest

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World

Kristina Langlois

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