Perry Hall United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2024

(**Stand as you are able)

WELCOME – RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Please sign the Ritual of Friendship and pass down the row. When everyone has signed, please pass it back to the center, noting those on your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service! ~

ORGAN PRELUDE "Christmas Star" Rex Koury

CHORAL INTROIT "Psalm 117" Gary Smith

**OPENING HYMN "We Three Kings" pg. 254 UMH

** CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

**PRAISE SONGS "The River Is Here"

"Great and Mighty"
"Unto Thee, O Lord"

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella" Traditional

Krystal Yackulak, flute & Don Appel, guitar

"O Little Town of Bethlehem & God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Traditional

Guitar Duets – Krystal Yackulak & Don Appel

**SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 pg. 2 New Testament

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

THE MESSAGE "Follow The Star" Rev. Margery Schammel

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

~~ A time of silent confession~~

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Alleluia! Amen!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, pp. 17-18 UMH)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All singing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All singing: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All singing: Amen, amen, amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

~Please follow the direction of the ushers. You will come to the table by the center aisle. You will partake of the bread and cup. You may kneel for prayer after. You will return to your seats by the side aisles.~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN "The First Noel" pg. 245 UMH

**BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH "Jesus Is The Rock"

ORGAN POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings" Gordon Young

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Children's Story – Heather Mager

Acolyte –

Altar Guild – Kim Cole, Heather Zell & Peggy Winchester

MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"Speak, Lord" - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dean Martin, Kitty Doster, Danny Benner, those suffering with vertigo, cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions, those in war-torn countries, and those needing ongoing prayer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Coffee Hour after service

Monday

Tuesday Scouts 6-7 pm

Wednesday Choir and Band Practice 7 pm

Thursday WISH 10:30 am

Scouts 6:15-7:30 pm

Friday KC Dance 5:30-8:30 pm Saturday Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm

Adult Paint Night 7 pm

The **United Women in Faith** sponsored **adult paint night** is this Saturday, January 13th at 7 pm. Flyers are on the Narthex table, and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Reservations must be made by this Tuesday, January 9th.**

Folk Music night will be held on Saturday, January 20th at 7 pm.

The **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale**, scheduled for January 27th, is coming up soon! We **STILL** need helpers in the kitchen, the dining area, and the bake sale. We will also need some delicious baked goods, too!! **PLEASE** give us a hand. We don't want to have to cancel another event! Sign up in the narthex.

Come join in **A Winter Craft Event** on Sunday, January 28^{th} , after the service. There will crafts for all to make as well as treats for you to enjoy!

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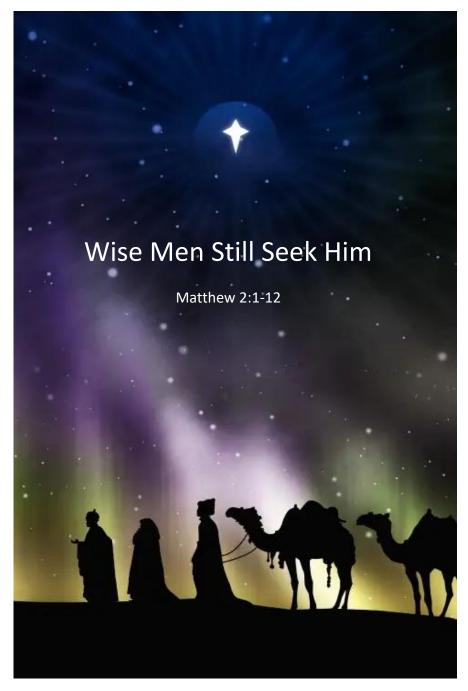
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