

JANUARY 7, 2024

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SONGS OF PRAISE:** LIGHT OF THE WORLD (LAUREN DAIGLE)
HOW MANY KINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: ARISE! SHINE!

PEOPLE: GOD'S LIGHT HAS COME TO REVEAL THE WAY IN THIS NEW YEAR.

LEADER: ARISE! SHINE!

PEOPLE: THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON US.

LEADER: ARISE! SHINE!

PEOPLE: GOD'S LIGHT PENETRATES THE DARKNESS THAT COVERS THE WORLD.

LEADER: ARISE! SHINE!

PEOPLE: NATIONS SHALL COME TO GOD'S LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOD'S DAWN.

ALL: ARISE! SHINE! FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON US.

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSSROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

***A SONG OF PREPARATION: THE FIRST NOEL** **UMH 245**

SCRIPTURE: MATHEW 2:1-12 (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?
Yes, we believe It.

MESSAGE : WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE **REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

(to the tune of Infant Holy, Infant Lowly):

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-In-One.

Here we offer to you gladly
all the gifts that you impart,
as we glory In your Presence,
giving from a grateful heart.

***A SONG OF INVITATION: WE THREE KINGS** **UMH 254**

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee in the Conference Room.

January 7 Carol MacCourtney, Julie Savage
14 Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters
21 Bobbi Michael, Myra Davis
28 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video series on 1 Thessalonians by Ben Stuart.

Meeting Night: January 7

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

January 10: BBQ compliments of Pastor Dustin and Carrie
17: Taco Soup compliments of BJ Childers

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