

Scripture Readings

John 1:10-18

Common English Bible

¹⁰ The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light.

¹¹ The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him.

¹² But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children,

¹³ born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;

¹⁷ as the Law was given through Moses, so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known.

Matthew 2:1-12

Common English Bible

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ² They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴ He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ *You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.*"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." ⁹ When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

9 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome as we worship the Lord!

▲ MINGLE

▲ OPENER

"My Lighthouse"

COMMUNION

"The Table"

▲ PRAISE SONGS

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Children are invited to attend Sunday School activities. Parents are invited to accompany their children if they desire. Children are also welcome to stay in worship.

WORD

John 1:10-18
Matthew 2:1-12

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MESSAGE

"Follow the Star"
Rev. Claire Schlegel

PRAYER SONG

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ELDERS AND DEACONS

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"I Saw the Light / I'll Fly Away"

BENEDICTION

▲ CLOSER

"Nobody"



January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

Sermon Series:

***Gifts That Keep on Giving:
Unexpected Gifts***

*Welcome to
Magnolia Presbyterian Church*



Reverend Claire Schlegel	Co-Pastor
Reverend Paul Knopf	Co-Pastor
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Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

***Join in fellowship time in the Fireside Room,
every Sunday after 9 am and 11 am services.***

Greeting You This Morning: Janet and Becky Doshier

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome as we worship the Lord with gladness,
for it is God who deserves our praise and thanksgiving.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" #146
Soloist, stanza 1
Congregation, stanzas 2 and 3

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine! Your Light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord is all around.

Arise, shine! Your light has come.

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▲ OPENING HYMN

"The First Nowell" #147

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, following only a star in the sky, kings of old left their families and their lands to find a child whose birth was so profound, it was proclaimed in the heavens above. When we would rather sit comfortably in our own homes than make spiritual pilgrimages of our own, clothe our feet of clay in walking shoes and send us on our way. At this season of light, help us shine your light in the darkness to honor the King of kings. Open our shut-up hearts to those in need, that the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh might not be the last gifts offered to the one who brings light into our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

▲ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581

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Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE READING

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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Follow the Star"
Rev. Claire Schlegel

Responding

RESPONSE HYMN

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
#151, vss. 1-2, 5

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ELDERS AND DEACONS

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"We Three Kings" Arr. by Joel Raney
Cynthia Wright and James Walters

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ DOXOLOGY #606

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(prayer continues)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

"Coventry Carol/The First Nowell"

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Debbie Benninger, Cynthia Wright, John Wright, Zach Gipson

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Arr. by Jay Rouse

James Walters

Sharing of the Bread

As a sign of our unity in Christ, please hold the bread until all are served.

Sharing of the Cup

As a sign of your personal faith in Christ, you may drink as you are ready.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

▲ CLOSING HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" #853

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Come! Live in the Light!"
#749, Stanza 1 and Refrain

▲ POSTLUDE

"Carol of the Bells"
Arr. by Arnold B. Sherman
Cynthia Wright and James Walters

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. . ." Matthew 28:19

SERMON NOTES

▲ All who are able, please stand.
Bold Italic text read in unison.

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