



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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First Sunday After Christmas

December 27, 2020, 10:00AM

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: The Magi waited and watched,
knowing something wondrous would be happening.
- P: **We waited for the birth of Jesus;
now something wondrous is about to take root.**
- L: The darkness that invaded all lives
was banished by the light of that star.
- P: **The darkness what surrounds us is gone!**
- L: Let us celebrate the bright shining
of God's love in our lives.
- P: **Let us become those who will bring the light
of God's love to others. AMEN**

*OPENING HYMN

238 Angels We Have Heard on High

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

*SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 2:1-11

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written." ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they

In Our Prayers..

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

**The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Mae Stevens

**Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

**Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

**All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154.
Thank You!*

had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

Epiphany - Falling to Our Knees

***CLOSING HYMN**

254 We Three Kings

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

246 Joy to the World

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

**All Worship Services are currently
online**

Three ways to Livestream the Worship Service:

Search for Emmetsburg First UMC on YouTube

www.facebook.com/EmmetsburgFUMC/

zoom.us/j/7128522154

***Contact the church for the password**

Birthdays...

December
28 Roger Chism
29 Justin Malm
30 Brenda Bell
Darlene Hankey
Taytum Sargent
Dean VerMulm

January

1 Laura Blanchet
Mackenzie Sargent
2 Candy Bisenius
3 Norma Shaffer
George Tonderum

Anniversaries...

December
28 Deny & Brenda Gonzales
29 Clifford & Nancy Hinrichs
January
No Anniversaries this week

January Liturgists

1/3 Amber Embrock

1/10 Somer Hudson

1/17 Lex Kassel

1/24 TBA

1/31 Kyle Kogel

**Empowering EFUMC
Ministry**

12/20/2020

General Fund \$ 1,120.00

Utica Church \$ 310.00

Building Fund \$ 100.00

Memorial \$ 10.00

Total \$ 1,540.00



#238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

4. See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

254 “We Three Kings”

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

Refrain

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

#246 “Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
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2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
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and wonders of his love

