



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



The Adoration of the Magi by Quentin Metsys (Netherlandish, Leuven 1466–1530 Kiel)

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**January 8, 2017 | Worship 10 am**  
Second Sunday after Christmas

**First time here?** We are happy to have you visit with us and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free **Welcome** bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.

**Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service. **Assistance needed?** Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*"Epiphany"* comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance." In church history this word is closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Let us celebrate this period as an "Epiphany season," from Christmas onward, we grow in awareness of the significance of Jesus' entire life.

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
The **bold** type is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE "Aria" by Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it.)

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES 25 cents a day/ Hunger Task Force Collection

INTROIT "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" by Joseph Parry 1876

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

This year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**The Star of Hope.**

The Star of Peace.

**The Star of Joy.**

The Star of Love.

**The Star that leads us to Christ our Lord.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #151 "We Three Kings" by John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857

\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (in unison)

**Gracious Jesus, We praise you for your loving, life-giving presence in our world and in our lives. We thank you for all of the gracious gifts you have given us in order to bless all people. Forgive us for all the ways we hold onto more stuff than we need and hold ourselves back from giving to those in need. Forgive us for all the hurts and grudges we don't let go of and for the anger that eats us up inside and won't let us go. Forgive us for all the words that we have spoken that we wish we could take back and the pain and suffering of those we injure. For all the ways we've lived out of brokenness instead of blessedness and the shame that keeps us trapped in brokenness instead of blessedness. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others and ourselves.**

*Leader:* Gracious Jesus, hear us as we continue our prayers in silence ...

\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, abounding in steadfast love. Jesus, we praise you for your love!

**For as a Parent has compassion on his or her children, so the Lord, our Abba, has compassion on us.**

Jesus, we praise you for your love! There is nothing in all of creation that can ever separate us from the love of God in our Lord Jesus Christ

**Jesus, we praise you for your love! Amen!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"My Dearest Jesu"

by Johann Cruger

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN #451 stanza 3** PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

***Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"We Will Find Him"

arr. Tom Fettke

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew: 2.1-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Science and Faith of the Magi"

Rev. Dr Cynthia Alloway

\*HYMN #152

"What Star is this That Beams so Bright?"

Trier ms., 15<sup>th</sup> century

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #143

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE by Kay Young

"We Three Kings"

*Our Three Kings are Bill Morgan, Jim Taylor and Robert Cortez.*

*Liturgist: Deborah Baker*



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## Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Connie Norris who passed away January 2, 2017.  
*Her memorial will be Saturday, January 28 at 2:00 pm.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Dottie Blades who passed away Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*Her memorial will be Friday, January 27 at 4:00 pm.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sam Imbimbo who passed away on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
*Sam and Kevin Imbimbo's memorial will be Saturday, February 25 at 11 am.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Barbara Semmelmeier who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Betty Smith who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Barbara Saunders, who passed away Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Her memorial will be Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm.

### Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker	Ray Foreaker	Albert Reil
Judy Bello	Wendy Galde	Virginia Rylett
Dan Boland	Sheryl Gobble	Pamela Sage
Bob Bunting	Helen MacKenzie	Vera Patten
Helen Burns	Ted McCarthy	Rhonda Patton Knoles
Jim Chestnut	Bill Moberly	Bob Simmons
Vern Cooper	Marie Patchin	Ed St. John
Jackie Del Carlo	Randy Pierce	Ines Teague
		Bob Weber

### Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Ed and Dale Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

- **2017 church envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- **Officer Retreat & New Officer Training** will be Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Directory:** Please let the office know if you would like to update your information in the directory.
- **DON'T FORGET TO RSVP FOR THE *BEING MORTAL* SERIES**  
*"Living is a skill." Atul Gawande*

**BEING MORTAL SERIES *STARTS TODAY!*** Sundays, Jan.8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30–12:45 includes luncheon. Learn about our health care system and it's limitations. Being well informed will not hasten your death, we promise! Look for RSVP inserts in upcoming bulletins! If you RSVP, you will receive a book that summarizes the bestseller by practicing surgeon, Atul Gawande.

**MHS BREAKFAST Resumes Tomorrow January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**SENIOR EXERCISE:** Mondays at 10 am. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Enter through parking lot.

**PAINTING THE STARS:** Wednesdays Science & Theology Advent Study 7 pm – three more Wednesdays! Then watch the documentary *Before the Flood* on Feb.1<sup>st</sup>!

**BEFORE THE FLOOD:** Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - It's never been more important to understand climate change. Follow *Leonardo DiCaprio's* 3 year global journey in a special screening of his documentary *Before the Flood* (*presented by National Geographic*), followed by a discussion led by Pastor Cindy, reflecting on Science and Theology.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Third Tuesdays of the month/ 10:30 am Bible Study, 12 pm Salad Potluck Luncheon. Learn about Council on Aging and their services.

**BOOK CLUB:** Third Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan-Philipp Sendker. *Planning Meeting Supper at Jeanne N's. Please bring a chopped salad bar item.*

**FILM CLUB:** Fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm: Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> *The Quiet Man* with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, an Irish classic.

**WIDOW SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at Adel's Diner 11:30 am-1pm

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & LUNCHEON** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am