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8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2024

Epiphany Sunday

Gathering Music

A Star Over Bethlehem

L Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Amy Morgan

Introit

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

JS Bach

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light, O Sovereign meek and lowly!
 Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely!
 Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.*

*Call to Worship

(8:30) Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Bless us, Lord, this day with vision.

(11:00) Dr. Morgan

May this place be a sacred place,

A sharing space,

Where earth and heaven meet.

*Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH 254

(We invite all children to stay in worship to participate in Communion.)

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

(8:30) Dr. McBrayer

(11:00) Dr. Morgan

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Morgan

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem (11:00)

Send Out Thy Light
Chancel Choir

C Gounod

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Mrs. Elizabeth Loughran
Director of Children's Ministry

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

*Hymn

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Morgan

**Our God when the world outside is cold, you warm our hearts and inspire our dreams.
Help us to share the warmth of your love with all those who struggle to find their way.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

From a Distant Home

John Cowden, handbells

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking, using as our guide the star so brightly beaming. Lovely eastern star that tells us of God's morning, heaven's wondrous light, O never cease thy shining! Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven, and upon the earth be peace and love to all. Glowing gold I bring the newborn babe so holy, token of his power to reign above in glory. Frankincense I bring the child of God's own choosing, token of our prayers to heaven ever rising. Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus, token of the pain that he will bear to save us.

*Doxology

The First Noel

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

*Gospel Testament Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Why Church?
...Light the Way**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

Holy Communion

Insert

*Hymn

The First Noel

UMH 245

(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)

*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

*Postlude

Echo Fantasy for Epiphany

G Martin

*Congregation stand as able. **UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing
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Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship

ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.

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Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211

Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210

Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212

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