



We are a Reconciling Congregation!

***Grow, Play and Serve with a people with
Hearts for Children and Hands for Service.***

Epiphany Sunday

January 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Paul Manz

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

(Bruce Prewer)

Most wonderful God, as wise men followed the star of their most sacred hopes, you led them to where your Son was revealed. Guide us we pray, beyond all that is trendy or cheap, and even beyond those things that are virtues, to your unique disclosure in Christ. Humbled there in awe and delight, may we recommit ourselves to that holy worship which recognizes no boundary between sacred and secular, west and east, or male and female. Through Christ our Messiah.

HYMN

We Three Kings

Barb Galarza, soloist

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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

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

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

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Matthew 2:12-17
Jeremiah 31:15-17; 31-34*

SERMON

A New Covenant

Rev. Chris Walters

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

*All loose coins and singles in the offering plate during January, February and March will go to Wesley Child Care Center Scholarship Program.
Please mail your offering to the church office or donate online.*

HYMN

What Child Is This

Vs. 1 *What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Vs. 2 *Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.* Refrain

Vs. 3 *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.* Refrain

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Confession Prayer

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen!**

Forgiveness

My friends, Epiphany is good news!
The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us.
Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.

In his name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

A Sung Communion Liturgy for Epiphany
(Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," UMH 224)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Lift your hearts unto the Lord. Praise!
Praise our God forevermore!
Radiant star that shines so bright: Jesus Christ, the world's light!
Praise God evermore! Praise God evermore!

We're in Your image made; to us this world You gave
Yet we turned our hearts from You.
Set against the good we knew
Still Your love remained steadfast.
You beckoned us to walk your path.
Jesus lights the way! Jesus lights the way!

To table we've been called: Come one, come now, come all!
Here we share the feast of grace and love!
Here, for everyone a place!
He breaks the power of cancelled sin
and darkness quenched, the light pours in.
God-with-us revealed! God-with-us revealed!

And so, with your people on earth
And all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join in their unending hymn;

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! Joy! Joy!
Prince of Peace, the Living Word!
Blessed be the child who comes
in God's name, the Promised One!
Praise God's holy name! Praise God's holy name!

The night Christ was betrayed to us this meal he gave
First he took and broke the bread of life.
At God's table they were fed.
Then he shared the loving cup. Forgiving us, he raised us up.
"Feast, and think of me. Feast, and think of me."

Remembering these mighty acts, to You, O God, we offer back
Holy, living sacrifice: Full of joy, commit our lives.
We proclaim the mystery: Christ died, but rose in victory.
Christ will come again! Christ will come again!

On bread and cup outpour Your Holy Spirit, Lord
Make these gifts become for us, Christ Jesus!
We, his body, him, our life.
By this meal we are redeemed and by this grace we are set free.
Jesus makes us one! Jesus makes us one!

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Paul Manz

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LAY READER: Michel Agriopoulos

**COMMUNITY LIFE AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**DON'T FORGET OUR FOOD PANTRIES AS YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING - THEIR SUPPLIES ARE LOW!**

They especially need boxed cereal, boxed potatoes, soups, rice and rice mixes and pet food.

**NEW YEAR, NEW BOOK AND NEW GROUP!**

Join us beginning Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. on Zoom to study the Book of Romans. Paul's letter to the early Christians in Rome is the most significant letter in the history of Christianity. The impact of the book of Romans on Christian belief, behavior, spirituality and worship has been profound. No book to buy, just notify Pastor Eun-Hye that you would like to join so she can send you the link every Wednesday.

**ARE YOU STRESSED, ALONE, ANXIOUS, WORRIED OR JUST NEED TO TALK TO OTHERS?**

Then please join our Thursday confidential Zoom support group. It is held every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Meet with Pastor Eun-Hye and others who share your concerns. Email Pastor Choi to get the zoom link ([echoi@glenviewumc.org](mailto:echoi@glenviewumc.org)).

**UPPER ROOM FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021**

is available on the rack right outside the church office.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY -**

Contact Pastor Eun-Hye by email at [hychong@glenviewumc.org](mailto:hychong@glenviewumc.org).

**PROJECTS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. VOLUNTEER MONTH - JANUARY 2021**

Since we are not able to meet in groups at this time for MLK Service Day, if you are interested, here are some suggestions of helping others by making items at home. Start around Jan. 4 or later, turn in items to the church office by Jan. 30. For more information, patterns, recipe or kits or item pick up, contact Ethel Doyle, 847-975-0361 or [lareth@aol.com](mailto:lareth@aol.com). Instructions and recipes can also be picked up in the church office.

- For Midwest Mission Distribution Center - sew school bags, layette kimona or  
layette gown - instructions; knit or crochet baby sweaters - instructions
- For animal shelters - dog biscuits - recipes
- For ill or traumatized children - Linus blankets - kit or pattern
- For Mary Lou's place - a shelter for battered women and their children -  
gift baskets - list of needed items
- For the elderly - in nursing homes or Meals on Wheels - make cheerful placements -  
paper provided

**LOOSE COINS AND SINGLES**

in the offering plate during January, February and March will go to *Wesley Child Care Center Scholarship Assistance Program*. Wesley Child Care Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian child care serving the Glenview community since 1972. Wesley's mission is to provide a nurturing, secure, and developmentally appropriate environment for children, incorporating the diverse needs of individual families within the community. Wesley Child Care offers year-round full & half-day preschool, before and after school care for Glenview District 34 families, after school care for Northfield District 29 families, full-day summer camp programming for ages 2-12 and a scholarship assistance program. This program is committed to providing financial assistance to families in need of quality child care. This program assists low-income families and in other instances helps families in need due to a loss of a family member, health issues, or other short term emergency. Since full paying families do not subsidize families on scholarship, Wesley must depend on contributions from a variety of other sources. Wesley provides nearly 60 scholarships annually. If you are called to give more, please submit a check with *Wesley CCC* on the memo line.

**THIS WEEK:** **January 3 - January 10, 2021**

**Monday:** 7:00 Finance Committee via Zoom

**Wednesday:** 7:00 First Adult Study on Romans via Zoom

**Thursday:** 2:00 Support Group via Zoom

**Saturday:** 7 am A. A., choir room

**Next Sunday:**

9:30 Sunday school on Zoom

10:00 Worship on line

4:30 GUMYouth/Confirmation on Zoom

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