

# *The Chapel in the Pines*

**January 1, 2023**

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,  
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **Epiphany Sunday**



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given  
to the Glory of God by Alicia Delong and Steven Welch  
for the hope of Peace in the New Year.**

**The Chiming of the Trinity**

**The Prelude**

**Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family**

**A Reading from the Old Testament** Isaiah 60:1-5  
*Arise, my people! Let your light shine for all the nations to see!  
For the glory of the Lord is streaming from you.*

**The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

**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 and ever...Amen.**

### **\*The Call to Worship**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.  
All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

God gathers us from far away and carries us.  
With radiant eyes with rejoicing hearts,  
we receive the abundance God gives.

**We respond in praise.**

**With our gifts, with our very selves, we come to worship God.**

**\*Hymn** #163 As with Gladness Men of Old

**1** As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

**2** As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him Whom heav'n and earth adore,  
So, may we with willing feet  
Ever seek the mercy seat.

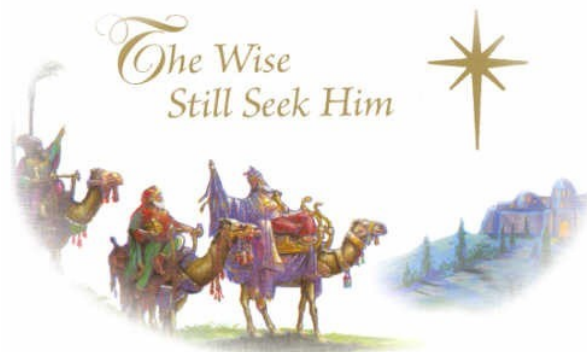
**3** As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

**4** Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Amen.

### **\*The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you all...  
**and also with you!**



## **The Passing of the Welcome Pads**

### **The Call to Confession**

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of living light,  
we hear the story of the Magi  
and in our minds we tie it together  
with our warm Christmas celebration.  
It feels comfortable to us.  
Break those bonds of comfort  
and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship  
for those who follow your light.  
Shine brightly in us and through us.  
Forgive the blindness we so often offer to you.  
Give us a vision  
of what you would have us be and do  
in the Light of your Love...Amen.**

### **The Declaration of Forgiveness**

Light has come to you.  
Your light has come and it has erased the darkness.  
Now we can walk and work in the light.  
**We are loved by God and called to God's service  
and through the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ  
we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!  
Now, let us begin again...Amen**

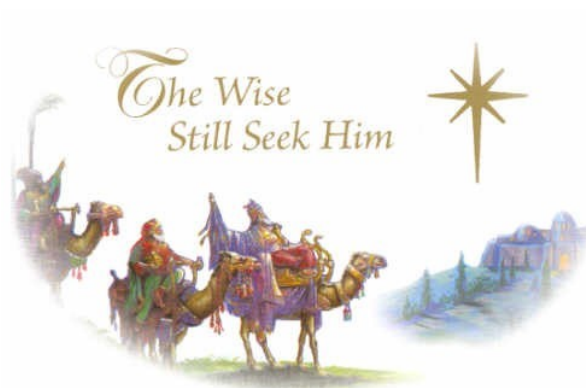
### **The Prayer of Illumination**

**A Reading from the Epistles**      Ephesians 3:1-12  
...the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**\*Hymn**                      #269 O Word of God Incarnate

**1** O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
We praise Thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.

**2** The Church from her dear Master  
Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket  
Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word.



**3** It floateth like a banner  
Before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon  
Above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
That o'er life's surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

**4** O make Thy Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations  
Thy true light as of old.  
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see Thee face to face.

Amen.

**A Reading from the Gospels** Matthew 2:1-15

*When they had heard the king, they set out;  
and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped  
over the place where the child was.*

### **The Response to the Word**

**We have seen your star, O God,  
shining brightly over us and all the peoples of the earth.  
Teach us to trust your light.  
Help us take risks, that we might step out in faith into the unknown.  
Guide us to the place where you abide,  
that we may be overwhelmed with joy like the Magi before us.  
Guide us to the stable of your love,  
that we may offer you the gifts of our lives. Amen.**

**Homily** Welcoming the Light

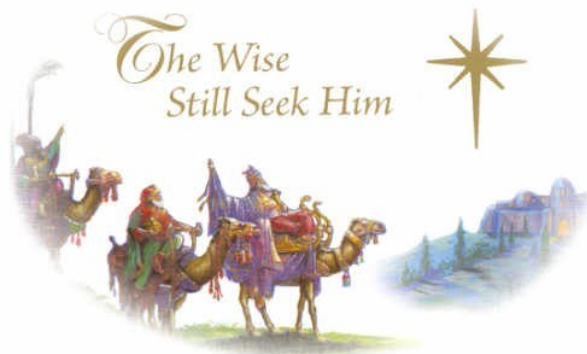
### **The Prayers of the People**

#### **The Call to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology**

**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.  
Amen.**



## The Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn** #166 We Three Kings (verses 1-4)

**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 night,  
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, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high. **[Refrain]**

**4** Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom -  
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

### \*The Charge and Benediction

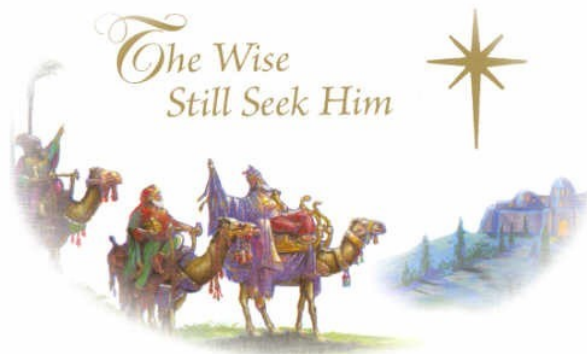
**\*Hymn** #166 We Three Kings (verse 5)

**5** Glorious now behold Him arise:  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Earth to heav'n replies. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain:**

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

### \*The Postlude



## Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Evangeline Calindro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Joseph Rickards, Katie Halus, Charlie Murray, Father Gary Sawtelle, Kevin Alley, Val Scantlin, Cami Thistles, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, Lou Mathews, Mary Faas, Eddie McInnis, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Denise DuLeon, Leric Racine, the family of Ernie Martin, and the people of Ukraine.

## Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Charles Hinson, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Joan Tourt, Peggy Olson, Shirley Percival, Alicia Delong, Audrey Tourt, Bill and JoAn Moses, Edward and Tamara Lee, Jimmy McCaskill, Thalia Beam and Ed Burke.

## January Announcements



<b>Monday-January 2</b>	Laurie Faig
<b>Wednesday-January 11</b>	Jon Tichenor
<b>Wednesday-January 11</b>	Bob Tourt
<b>Saturday-January 14</b>	Kiona Baker



## Altar Flowers

	<b>January</b>
<b>1-8</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>1-15</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>1-22</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>1-29</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## Looking Ahead!

<b>Sunday-January 1</b>	9:00 am	Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
<b>Thursday-January 5</b>	2:30 pm	<i>Fran's Friends</i>
<b>Sunday-January 8</b>	9:00 am	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
	3:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting
<b>Friday-January 13</b>	11:00 am	Mission Team Meeting
<b>Sunday-January 15</b>	9:00 am	Second Sunday after Epiphany
		Chapel Board Meeting
<b>Thursday-January 19</b>	4:00 pm	<i>Chapel Café</i>
<b>Sunday-January 22</b>	9:00 am	Third Sunday after Epiphany



Worship

There are many opportunities in 2023 for assisting with our Coffee Fellowship after worship on Sunday mornings. Please use the signup sheet on podium just outside fellowship hall to let us know which Sunday(s) work for you. You can also call Susan Williams, Chapel Administrator (910) 400-5188 to have your name added to the list.



The 2023 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board just outside the Chapel Administrator office. Please sign up to let us know which Sunday(s) you would like to provide flowers for the altar and what occasion you are honoring. You can also call Susan Williams, Chapel Administrator to have your name added to the list (910) 400-5188.