

The Chapel in the Pines

January 7, 2024

*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
in memory of Steven's sister Robin Welch**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Prelude

The Preparation

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 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

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

A multitude of camels shall cover you...They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise**

Adapted from Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.**

May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

***Hymn**

#166 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 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]**

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

The Prayer of Illumination



A Reading from the Epistles Ephesians 3:1-12

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ...

Special Music

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 2:1-12

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Congregational 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 in 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 Wise Ones before us.
Guide us to the stable of your love,
that we may offer you the gifts of our lives. Amen.**

The Homily The Gift of a Multitude of Camels

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The 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.**

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2** They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]
- 3** And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]



*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Choral Response

#136 The First Noel (verses 4 & 5)

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

*The Postlude



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Lerici Racine, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Bob Macdonald, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Chandler Stewart, Drew Carr and family, Ann Rorie, Sharon Hacker, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Mary Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Nancy Cecchini, Mary Herold, Mary White, Mary Faas, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Phyllis, Mahin and the family of Jack Sealy

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Kathy Hilton, Dick Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Tamara Lee, Kristen Thompson, Katy Swain, Bill and JoAn Moses on the death of their son-in-law, Ron.

January Announcements



Wednesday, January 10 Jon Tichenor
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Saturday, January 13 Kiona Baker
Sunday, January 14 Alice McPheeters

Looking Ahead!

Monday-January 8	4:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Tuesday-January 9	6:30 pm	Ladies Bunco-4-Missions
Wednesday-January 10	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Friday-January 12	10:00 am	Mission Team
Saturday-January 13	7:45 am	CITP Men's Fellowship
Sunday-January 14	9:00 am	The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Wednesday-January 17	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Saturday-January 20	2:00—5:00 pm	GAME FEST
Sunday-January 21	9:00 am	The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Wednesday-January 24	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-January 28	9:00 am	The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Altar Flowers



January

1-7 Alicia DeLong & Steven Welch
1-14 **Volunteer Needed**
1-21 **Volunteer Needed**
1-28 **Volunteer Needed**

Coffee Fellowship



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1-7 Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
1-14 Mary Snead
1-21 **Volunteer Needed**
1-28 **Volunteer Needed**

To sign up for Coffee Fellowship:
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