



*Embodying Jesus'  
All-Encompassing  
Hospitality*

*Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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January 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship.  
Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

### GATHERING

#### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those  
who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.*

#### PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

J.S. Bach

#### INTROIT

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

10th century chant

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.*

*This is He whom seers and sages, sang of old with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now He shines, the long-expected: let creation praise its Lord evermore and evermore.*

#### GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Psalm 147, adapted

Bless the Lord.

**How good it is to sing praises to God.**

God is gracious.

**We should always praise God.**

The Lord heals the broken hearted.

**The Lord heals wounds of the soul.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN NO. 151

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
(*words and music on next page*)

KINGS OF ORIENT

\*THE PEACE (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you with words and signs of God’s reconciling peace.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*The children of the church gather at the baptismal font*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

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The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



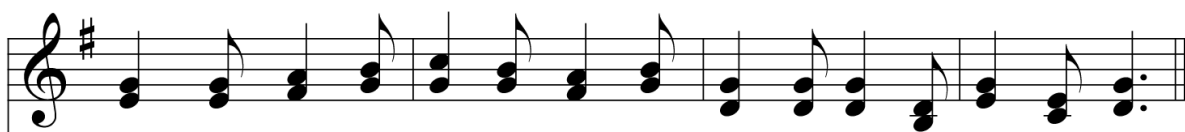
field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.



## Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



*Silent meditation on sermon*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

***Please use this time to reflect on how we might  
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God***

*Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary,  
mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website,  
or text STAMPC to 73256*

### OFFERTORY

"Behold, a Star from Jacob Shining"

Felix Mendelssohn

*Behold, a star from Jacob shining,  
And a scepter from Israel rising,  
To reign in glory over the nations!*

*Like some bright morning star is He,  
The promise of the coming day beyond the night of sorrow.  
Break forth, O Light. We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving.  
Hail the brightness of Thy rising.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*(some substitute "God" for "Him")*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

\*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. You guided the Magi to the child Jesus and continue to guide the world through Your Spirit. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might.  
 [1. ] [2. ]  
 — might. Heav - en and earth are full, —  
 Bless - ed is he who comes —  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 in the name of the Lord. —  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of love, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your incarnation. You sent Your love made flesh into this world to satisfy the longings of Your people for a Savior. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to Your service. Praise to You, Lord Jesus:

Now, in the sacred silence of our hearts, we offer prayers to You for the world, our communities, and ourselves...

#### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION

*The ushers will invite each pew to come forward. Please proceed from your pew down the center aisle, and extend your palms out to receive bread. Please then gently dip your bread into the chalice, consuming the sacrament, and return to your pew using the outside aisle. As you wait to receive the sacrament, and after receiving it, please be in prayer for the world, our church, community, those in need, and yourself.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

"The First Nowell"

Nigel Williams

"From the Eastern Mountains"  
(*Ian Denby, soloist*)

Arthur Henry Mann

*From the eastern mountains pressing on they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom, to His humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar,  
Ever journeying onward, guided by a star.*

*Refrain: Light of life that shineth ere the worlds began,  
Draw Thou near, and lighten every heart of man.*

*There their Lord and Saviour meek and lowly lay,  
Wondrous Light that led them onward on their way,  
Ever now to lighten nations from afar,  
As they journey homeward by that guiding star.*

*Thou who in a manger once hast lowly lain,  
Who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign,  
Gather in the peoples, who in lands afar,  
Ne'er have seen the brightness of Thy guiding star.*

*Gather in the outcasts, all who've gone astray,  
Throw thy radiance o'er them, guide them on their way.  
Those who never knew Thee, those who've wandered far,  
Lead them by the brightness of that shining star.*

*Guide them through the darkness of the lonely night,  
Shining still before them with Thy kindly light.  
Until every nation, whether bold or free,  
'Neath Thy starlit banner, Jesus, follows Thee.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

\*HYMN NO. 450

*"Be Thou My Vision"  
(words and music on next page)*

SLANE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Amen"*

Jester Hairston

\*POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

Marcel Dupré

*\*Please stand as you are able*

***Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags  
in the pews at the conclusion of the service***

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D/F#)  
E<sup>b</sup>/G(A7)  
B<sup>b</sup>7(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>(F#m7)  
Gm7(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(A)  
B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)  
Cm(D/F#)  
E<sup>b</sup>/G(G)  
A<sup>b</sup>(D)  
E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



## **MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff:** Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Words of Institution, Charge and Benediction

**Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach:** The Peace, Children's Moment, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Offering, Prayer of Dedication, The Great Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution

**Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist**

**Lector:** Carol Saunders

## **MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**January 5, 2025**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Children, Youth and APEX Sunday School will not meet today to allow teachers and families a sabbath break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>!**

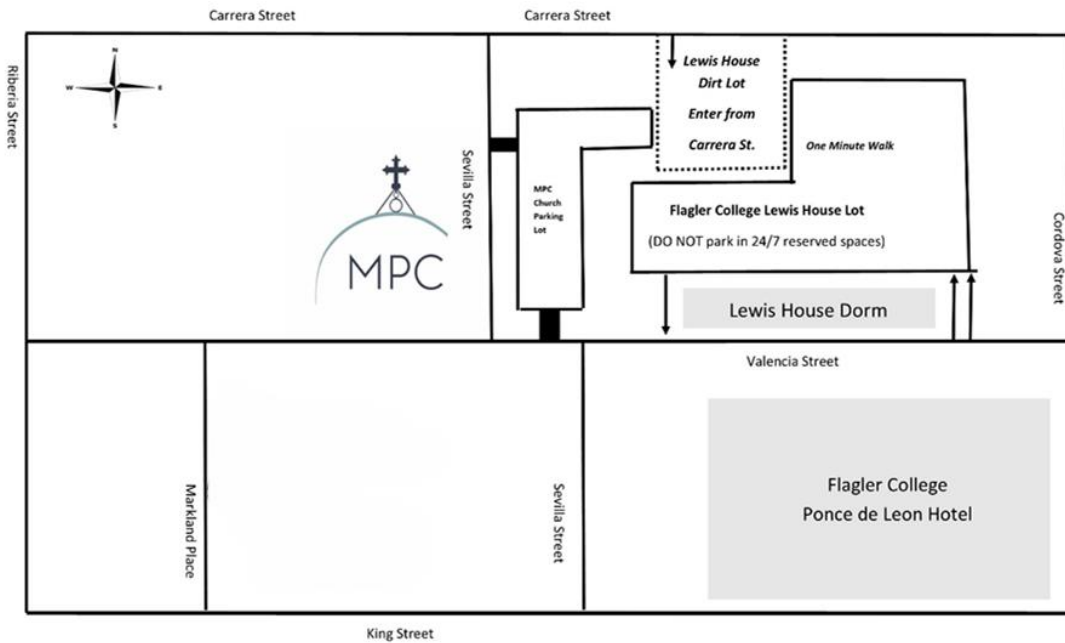
### **Adult Sunday School:**

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- Spiritual Formation: "Solomon", Lewis Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "The Road to Wisdom by Frances Collins", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at [marccraddock@mac.com](mailto:marccraddock@mac.com). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRVV5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

### **MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:**

**In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings.**

**At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.**



## MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 1-5-25

Dear Friends,

Our church vision statement is: "MPC will embody Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality."

One way for us to embody hospitality on Sundays is to be mindful that people coming for our 11:00 a.m. worship service will need space to park.

**If you attend 8:30 a.m. worship and/or Sunday School, please plan to depart, if possible, by 10:45 a.m. This gracious act will help other people find parking for the late service.**

Thanks for your understanding and help as we try to be hospitable to all attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Blessings,

Pastor Hunter

**The flowers** in the chancel this morning are given by Charlotte Shaw, Beth Shaw Masters and Mary Katherine Shaw to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mac and Hugh Shaw with thanksgiving for God's gracious gift of eternal life.

**Happy Birthday** to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, January 5 - 11: Paula Brown, Walt Davis, Barbara Dolan, Dave Esco, Roger Gifford, Raymond Giordano, Karon Gleason, Lee Griffin, John Harvey, Betty Hinely, Peggy Hunter, Debbie Johnson, Lynn Mitchell, Gary Molnar, Clelia Mullis, Keagan Osborne, Elias Salmond, Ethan Sanchelli, Kayla Zayed

**Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Sabbath:** These classes will not meet on 12/29 or on 1/5 to allow teachers and families a sabbath break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>!

**FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program:** Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

**This Wednesday, January 8, 2025:**

- **Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Five Cheese Lasagna.** Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Lewis Hall.
- **Program at 6:00 p.m.:** "New Year's Spiritual Journaling/Visioning/Epiphany", Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate, Lewis Hall

**Office Supplies Needed at the Wildflower Clinic:** Volunteer medical professionals at the non-profit Wildflower Clinic provide free medical and dental services to underserved, uninsured St. Johns County residents. Last year, more than 5,381 were served. The generosity of MPC members helps to keep the clinic's staff equipped with office supplies. During the week of January 5 - 12, bins will be placed on the office porch for your kind donations of the following items: printer paper, highlighters, pens (blue, black and red ink), markers, manila file folders, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-it notes, postage stamps, bug spray, sunscreen.

**New Member Orientation:** The next New Member Orientation will be held in-person meeting two times. Attending both sessions is necessary. We will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Marie Mercready at [membership@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:membership@memorialpcusa.org). She will send you some paperwork that will help to expedite the process. NOTE: You MUST contact Marie Mercready before Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> if you desire to be included in this Orientation. Meeting space is at a premium and the number of people who desire membership will determine where we will meet. Thank you!

**Come One, Come All To The Outreach Fair!** How many Outreach programs does MPC's have? A fun way to learn more about them all is to come to the Outreach Fair from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 pm. on Sunday, January 26 in Lewis Hall. Exhibits will be set up to explain how each ministry serves the underserved in the St. Augustine area – and around the world. You may be looking for an opportunity to be the “hands and feet of Jesus,” or you may already know about the amazing ways that your fellow members are helping those in need. All are all invited to come have some of Chef Cheryl's delectable refreshments while strolling around and checking out the displays and talking with representatives of each ministry. Participants will receive a passport and chance to win a prize!

**Meet One of Our Elders:** Stacey Scanlan. “I have been a Presbyterian my entire life. Many of my most precious childhood memories include summers at Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants and oh, so many choirs. As a teenager, I loved our Young Life groups and as an adult, I loved teaching Sunday School, directing children's plays and of course, choir. My husband, Mark, and I have been married almost forty years. We have three amazing sons – Connor, Reilly and Liam and are so very proud of each of them. I am honored beyond measure to serve MPC as an elder overseeing Adult Christian Education. It brings me so much joy to work alongside so many wonderful and faithful servants of God. I am humbled to have been called to this amazing and growing ministry.”



**Who is my Deacon?** If you are a member of MPC and do not know who your deacon is (and would like to know who your deacon is), please contact Priscilla Durkin, Parish Associate at [pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org) or 910 894-3216.

**ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone.** Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

**Al-Anon at MPC:** Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

**Need Prayer?** Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email [amycamp@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:amycamp@memorialpcusa.org) for private prayer or [krissings@yahoo.com](mailto:krissings@yahoo.com) for MPC's public prayer chain.

**We are a Matthew 25 Congregation:** For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee [jreffel@valdosta.edu](mailto:jreffel@valdosta.edu) or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: [tom@eyerly.org](mailto:tom@eyerly.org). Visit this website for more information: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>.

**Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:**

*Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; Moultrie Creek: Barbara Michael; Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith; Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder*

**Recovering at Home:**

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

**Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:**

Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit



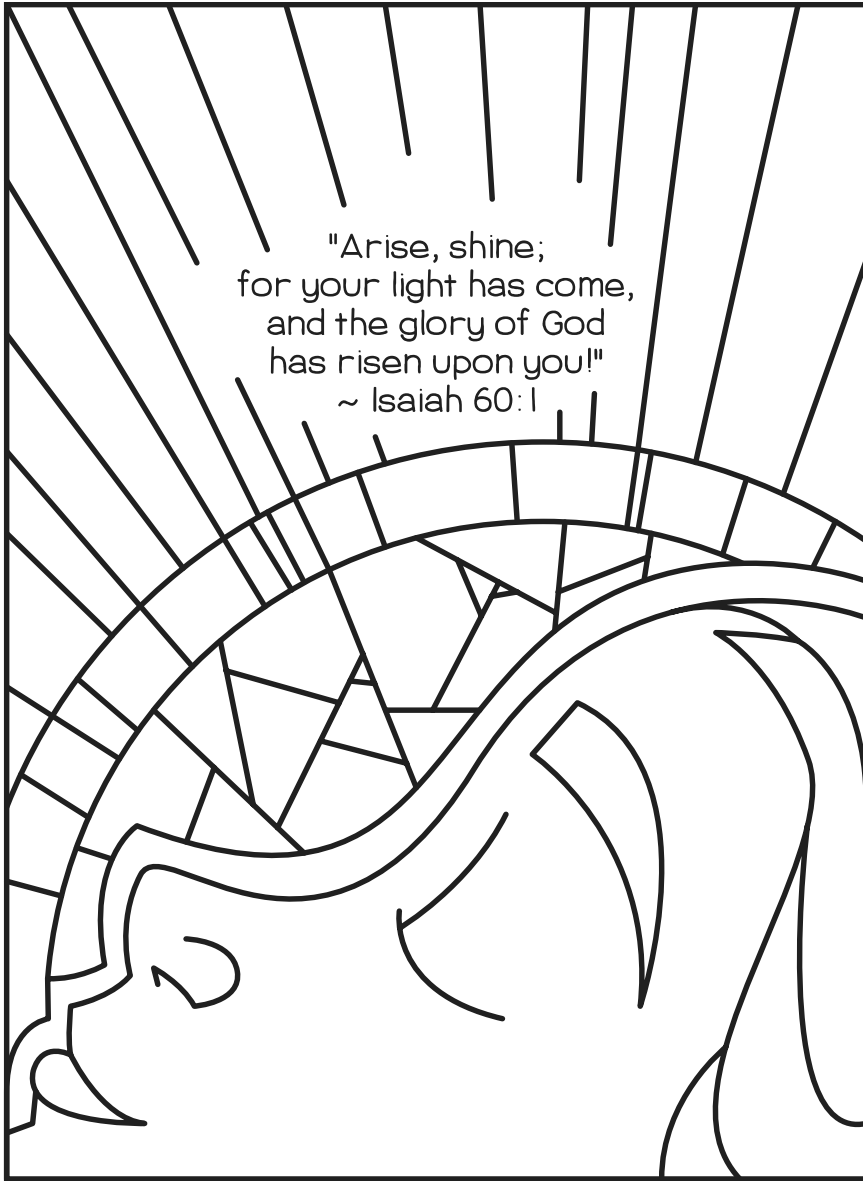
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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sun. 1-5-25	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Food Bank Collection – Lewis Hall Worship Service Sunday School (No Children, Youth or APEX classes today; Dr. Proctor’s Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 1-6-25	3:30 – 8:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sacred Music Academy – Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room Membership Committee Meeting – LH Parlor
Tues. 1-7-25	10:00 am 5:30 – 9:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting – Room 205 SACC Rehearsal - LH
Wed. 1-8-25	10:00 am 2:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga Stephen Ministers Training – Room 205 Handbell Choir – Room 211 FEAST Dinner (LH) and Program (LH) Children’s Choir Rehearsals – Rooms 224 and 215 Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 1-9-25	12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Debra Circle – Room 218 Laurel Circle – Meets in homes, email Kris Kelly ( <a href="mailto:krissings@yahoo.com">krissings@yahoo.com</a> )
Fri. 1-10-25	10:00 am 11:00 – 3:30 2:00 pm 3:15 pm	Confirmation Retreat – Off Campus SMAART Men’s Group – LH Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours Allen Crosby Internment Home Again St. Augustine Johns, Dining with Dignity – 285 S Holmes Blvd
Sat. 1-11-25	9:00 am 9:30 am	Confirmation Retreat – Off Campus Beginners AI-Anon – Room 205 AI-Anon – Room 205



"Arise, shine;  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of God  
has risen upon you!"  
~ Isaiah 60:1

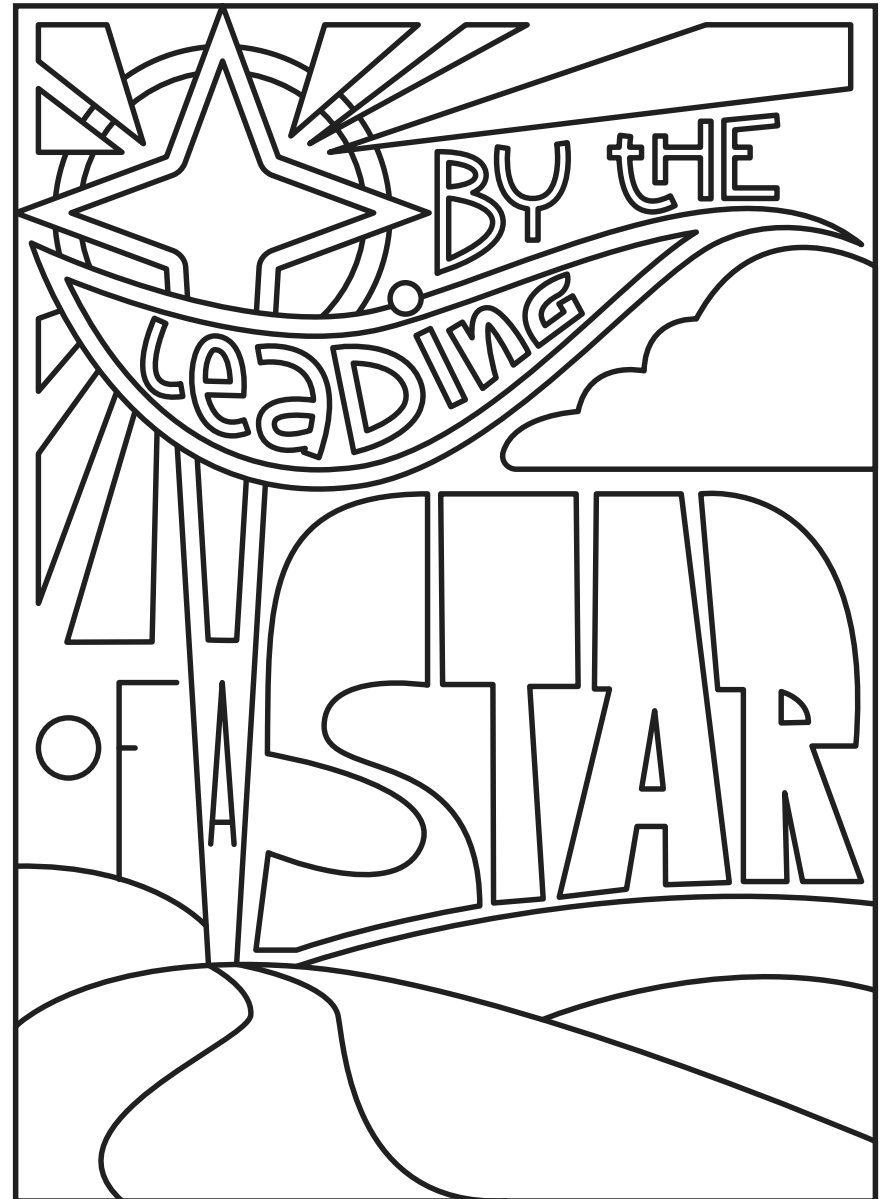


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12.







# DRAW IT

Matthew 2 describes the wise men and their search for Jesus. They followed the star until it stopped above Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The wise men were filled with amazing joy when they found Jesus. In the first box, draw what you think this scene looked like. In the second box, imagine you are with the wise men and draw what kind of gift you would bring Jesus.



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

Help the wise men find their way to toddler Jesus!

