HYMN NOTES:
The three hymns we sing today are appropriate for Epiphany Day (January 6). “We Three Kings” was written—both words and music—in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891) who after a career as a reporter and tutor, became an Episcopal priest with interests in music. This Epiphany hymn is based on the visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-11) and is the first modern American Christmas carol. He wrote it with the intention of three male soloists singing the stanzas with the congregation singing the refrain. Hopkins was born in Pittsburgh PA and became the first professor of church music at General Theological Seminary. In addition, he designed stained-glass windows and Episcopal seals and forms.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Fresh Brewed
Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is February 5th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule
1/3 - 1/10

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchimp.com/u/0fd1efa8e844/citylightupdate-12292020

“but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

Welcome To
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“What Child Is This”

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?
This, this, is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste, to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!
CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #150  “As with Gladness Men of Old”  DIX

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.

REFRAIN

We grow in the Word

SCRIPTURE READING  Matthew 2:1-12(NRSV)

SERMON  “An Epiphany of Hope and Meaning for the New Year”  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER


THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #145  “What Child Is This”  GREENSLEEVES

SONG OF DEDICATION

“God’s Blessing to You”