

When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." 9 When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. 11 They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Offering.....*Fum, Fum, Fum*
Ninth Lesson.....**John 1:1-14**
O Come, All Ye Faithful.....UMH #234 vs. 1,2,3,6
Silent Night, Holy Night.....UMH #239
Joy to the World.....UMH #246 vs. 1,2,4

1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.
 2 The Word was with God in the beginning.
 3 Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being.
 What came into being
 4 through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.
 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.
 6 A man named John was sent from God. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. 8 He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.
 9 The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world.
 10 The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light.
 11 The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him.
 12 But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children,
 13 born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God.
 14 The Word became flesh and made his home among us.
 We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***Benediction**

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Sunday Worship:
9:00AM Traditional Worship
10:30AM Contemporary Worship
Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and Younger during our Contemporary Worship.

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Calendar
December 24-December 31

Sunday
 10:00am Combined Worship
 11:15am Advent-ure Time
 7:00pm Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Worship

Monday
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 Church cleaning

Tuesday
 No Little Angels Program

Wednesday
 7:30am Men's Breakfast
 NO Little Angels Program
 NO Praise Team
 No Confirmation Class
 No LIFE Night
 No SR High LIFE Group
 NO Adult Choir practice
 Church Cleaning

Thursday
 No Little Angels Program
 7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Friday
 1:00pm ICWS Usage
 Church cleaning evening

Saturday
 No events planned

Sunday
 10:00am Blended Worship
There will be limited office hours

From the Good Shepherd Staff
We wish you a
Very Merry Christmas and
Blessings for the New Year.

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship

7:00 PM

Gathering

Prelude.....*O, Holy Night*
Please spend this time in silent meditation in preparation for worship

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith with our mouths, and with our hearts:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Bidding Prayer and Blessing

First Lesson.....**Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.....UMH #196

8 During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. 9 The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

13 The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?!" And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the snake,
 "Because you did this,
 you are the one cursed
 out of all the farm animals,
 out of all the wild animals.
 On your belly you will crawl,
 and dust you will eat
 every day of your life.
 15 I will put contempt
 between you and the woman,
 between your offspring and hers.
 They will strike your head,
 but you will strike at their heels."
 17 To the man he said, "Because you listened to your wife's
 voice and you ate from the tree that I commanded, 'Don't eat
 from it,'
 cursed is the fertile land because of you;
 in pain you will eat from it
 every day of your life.
 18 Weeds and thistles will grow for you,
 even as you eat the field's plants;
 19 by the sweat of your face you will eat bread—
 until you return to the fertile land,
 since from it you were taken;
 you are soil,
 to the soil you will return."

Second Lesson.....Genesis 22:15-18
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....UMH #211 vs. 1,2,4,7
 15 The LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven a
 second time 16 and said, "I give my word as the LORD that be-
 cause you did this and didn't hold back your son, your only
 son, 17 I will bless you richly and I will give you countless de-
 scendants, as many as the stars in the sky and as the grains of
 sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies' cit-
 ies. 18 All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of
 your descendants, because you obeyed me."

Third Lesson..... Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.....Ensemble
 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
 On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.
 6 A child is born to us, a son is given to us,
 and authority will be on his shoulders.
 He will be named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
 7 There will be vast authority and endless peace
 for David's throne and for his kingdom,
 establishing and sustaining it

with justice and righteousness
 now and forever.
 The zeal of the LORD of heavenly forces will do this.
Fourth Lesson.....Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
O Little Town in Bethlehem.....UMH #230
 11 A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
 a branch will sprout from his roots.
 2 The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,
 a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 a spirit of planning and strength,
 a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.
 3 He will delight in fearing the Lord.
 He won't judge by appearances,
 nor decide by hearsay.
 4 He will judge the needy with righteousness,
 and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.
 He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;
 by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.
 6 The wolf will live with the lamb,
 and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
 the calf and the young lion will feed together,
 and a little child will lead them.
 7 The cow and the bear will graze.
 Their young will lie down together,
 and a lion will eat straw like an ox.
 8 A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
 toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.
 9 They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.
 The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the LORD,
 just as the water covers the sea.

Fifth Lesson.....Luke 1:26-35, 38
What Child Is This.....UMH #219
Joseph's Lullaby.....David Perez
 26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
 town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man
 whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's
 name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings,
 favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much per-
 plexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this
 might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for
 you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in
 your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He
 will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and
 the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor Da-
 vid. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his
 kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How
 can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The
 Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High
 will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy;
 he will be called Son of God.

38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be
 with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from
 her.
Sixth Lesson.....Luke 2:1-7
Away In A Manger.....UMH #217
 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all
 the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration
 and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went
 to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the
 town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called
 Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and fam-
 ily of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he
 was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were
 there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave
 birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and
 laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the
 inn.
Seventh Lesson.....Luke 2:8-16
Angels We Have Heard on High.....UMH #238
 8 Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their
 sheep at night. 9 The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's
 glory shone around them, and they were terrified.
 10 The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to
 you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. 11 Your savior is
 born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. 12 This is a sign
 for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in
 a manger." 13 Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces
 was with the angel praising God. They said, 14 "Glory to God in
 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."
 15 When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to
 each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's hap-
 pened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." 16 They
 went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in
 the manger.

Eighth Lesson.....Matthew 2:1-11
We Three Kings.....UMH #254 vs. 1,2,3,5
 2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea dur-
 ing the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusa-
 lem. 2 They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
 We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."
 3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in
 Jerusalem was troubled with him. 4 He gathered all the chief
 priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ
 was to be born. 5 They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is
 what the prophet wrote:
 6 You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
 by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
 because from you will come one who governs,
 who will shepherd my people Israel."
 7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from
 them the time when the star had first appeared. 8 He sent them
 to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child.