

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 3, 2016 2nd Sunday after Christmas ~ Epiphany Observed 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *O Thou Joyful* Chancel Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

P: We hear the news of the boundless riches of Christ and our hearts sing for joy.

L: God reveals the mysteries of the ages for those who wait.

P: The light of Christ illumines our way. Come, let us walk in the light of God!

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Most merciful and gracious Lord, bless us with your grace and peace on this first Sunday in this new year. Help each of us to hear your call to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by following the light of your star as it leads us. Bless us with your hope and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*OPENING HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* #275

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Trusting in God's promised mercy, let us with confidence approach our God in confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, in whom no darkness can abide, we come to you in joy but also trembling for we know that darkness abides in us. We cannot conceal from you our cowardice, our shallowness, the resentments we harbor against others. We confess to you our capacity to deceive, our willfulness, our avoidance of others' pain and suffering. O Wonderful Counselor, illuminate what bears revealing. Cast out our sin, as light casts out darkness. Live in us that we might live for you.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The good news is this: We are the forgiven people of the God we have come to know in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen and Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please extend the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to those around you.

ANTHEM

What Child Is This?

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 60: 1-6 ~ Pages 639-640 in the pew Bible

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 2: 1-12 ~ Pages 835-836 in the pew Bible

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The "Star" of Life We Follow

Rev. Joe Condro

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

***HYMN** *We Three Kings* #288

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (... debts/debtors ...)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old* #290

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *O Thou Joyful* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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Current Session

Class of 2015

Hannah Bush
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Lorrie Dean
Robin Moyer
Doug Trimble

Class of 2016

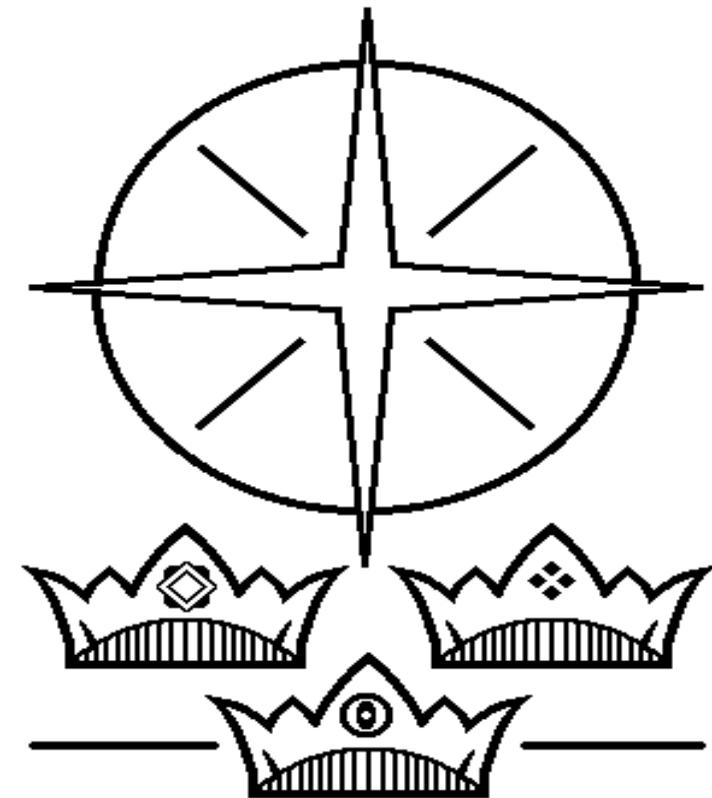
Jan Kitts
Allen Martin
Jim McGavock
Ross Shull
Joann Weikert

Class of 2017

Mike Fallin
Scott Martin
David Obenschain
Martie Sieck
Anita Tuttle

Class of 2018

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Lori Malcolm
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