

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 am **January 4, 2015**

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

Gathering Time: Welcome and Announcement Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *Morning Star, O Cheering Sight!* Burkhardt

Call to Worship *Come! Come! Everybody Worship* Sleeth

*Opening Prayer Patrick Ledford

*Hymn of Praise No.220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*Affirmation of Faith No.881 *The Apostle's Creed*

*Gloria Patri No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father*
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen**

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession
God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for you light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives for seeking Jesus are not always pure. Too often we do not simply come to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of health and wealth; asking him to fulfill our desires. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshipping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen

Words of Assurance

Chorus No. 347 *Spirit Song*
**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Worship of God with God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

*Doxology No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Farrah

Children's Time Will Wright
No children's church today. Coloring sheets are available.

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Patrick Ledford

Anthem *Little Drummer Boy* Pentatonix

*Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Patrick Ledford

A Dramatic Portrait of the Story No. 254 *We Three Kings*
Mary- Anna Odom
Joseph- Gary Boyette
Baby Jesus- Sam Odom
Shepherd- Graham Odom
Wise Men- David Medlin, Parker Medlin, Adam Bailey

Sermon *Gifts of the Wise Men* Rev. Farrah

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 251 *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

*Choral Benediction *Lutkin Benediction* Lutkin

Postlude *Praise the Lord with the Sounds of Trumpets* Sleeth

***Please stand as you are able**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Hamer by his family.

Handbell practice will resume on Monday at 5:30.

Tuesday Morning Bible study will resume this week.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this week.

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday at 7:00.

First Place Bible Study will resume Monday, January 12. If you are interested in joining First Place, please contact Allison.

Thursday night is FUMC night at Bojangle's. Join us there 5-8:00 pm. A share of the sales during this time is given to the church.

Merry Makers and ALL **senior adults** are invited to an Epiphany/New Year's Celebration on **Thursday, January 8 at 11:30 am** in the church fellowship hall. A delicious lunch, meaningful devotion, and uplifting entertainment will be enjoyed by all. Please call the church office at 895-4027 to make your reservation.

The **Giving Tree** located in the Fellowship Hall will remain in place into the New Year. As you feel led, please take a footprint from the tree, sign your name beside the child's name you choose, match with a pair of shoes the size of the footprint (preferably black leather for school), and return them to the church office. The FUMC Haiti Mission Team will take them in July and place them on the precious feet of the children and adult leaders at the poorest orphanage we visited this past August. The level of need is indescribable, so your gifts will make a world of difference. Thank you to those who have already chosen a footprint.

Ponder this...

Wise Men Still Seek Him
by Julie Carro

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the days of Herod the king,
There came from the east to Jerusalem, wise men with gifts to bring.
Saying, Where is He that is born, this precious King of the Jews,
For His star appeared in the east, to announce this glorious news.

And, lo, the star which they saw, went before them on their way,
Till it came and stood over the place, of this wondrous holy day!
With exceeding great joy and praise, they entered into the place,
Where they saw the young Child with Mary; Jesus, face to face.

They fell down and worshipped the Saviour, in complete humility and awe,
Bowed in pure amazement, of all that they heard and saw,
This King had no grand arrival, no trumpet announcement of birth,
No fancy attire to clothe Him, with the inheritance of his worth.

Yet, as they beheld this Child, they began to see His fame,
For He was clothed in Mercy and Truth, by the power of His Name.
He wore a crown of glory, and righteousness became His robe,
His kingdom spanned the universe, beyond the earthly globe.

Yes, this Child was royalty! They could sense it in their soul,
As they opened up their treasures, of frankincense and gold,
Laid before the King, they presented Him with their best,
Rejoicing in the blessing, to be His honored guests...

Now Wise Men Still Seek His Face, as they did in days of old,
To give the Lord their hearts, more precious than silver and gold.
For the King still lives today, and invites all to His side,
To reign with Him in glory, as His Beloved Bride!!!