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## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*"The First Noel "*

*UMH#245*

1 The first Noel the angel  
did say  
was to certain poor shep-  
herds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay  
keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that  
was so deep.

**Refrain:**  
**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,**  
**born is the King of Israel.**

2 They looked up and saw a  
star  
shining in the east, beyond  
them far;  
and to the earth it gave  
great light,  
and so it continued both day  
and night.  
**(Refrain)**

3 And by the light of that  
same star  
three Wise Men came from  
country far;  
to seek for a king was their  
intent,  
and to follow the star  
wherever it went.  
**[Refrain]**

4 This star drew nigh to  
the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its  
rest;  
and there it did both stop  
and stay,  
right over the place where  
Jesus lay. **[Refrain]**

5 Then entered in those Wise  
Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his  
presence,  
their gold and myrrh and  
frankincense. **[Refrain]**

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## SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd<sup>[d]</sup> my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men<sup>[e]</sup> and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,<sup>[f]</sup> until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,<sup>[g]</sup> they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)

2 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose,<sup>[b]</sup> and we have come to worship him."<sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"<sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote."<sup>6</sup> "And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities<sup>[c]</sup> of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel."<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"<sup>9</sup> After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

## SERMON

### ***"What Do We Bring"***

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for  
ever.  
Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### DOXOLOGY

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

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### HYMN

*"We Three Kings"*

UMH# 254

1 We three kings of Orient  
are; bearing gifts we traverse  
afar, field and fountain, moor  
and mountain,  
following yonder star.

**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of  
light, star with royal beau-  
ty bright, westward lead-  
ing, still proceeding, guide  
us to thy perfect light.**

2 Born a King on Bethle-  
hem's plain, gold I bring to  
crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.  
**[Refrain]**

3 Frankincense to offer  
have I; incense owns a Dei-  
ty nigh; prayer and prais-  
ing, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high.  
**[Refrain]**

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter  
perfume breathes a life of  
gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleed-  
ing, dying, sealed in the  
stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

5 Glorious now behold him  
arise; King and God and  
sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth  
and skies. **[Refrain]**

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Matt Amason  
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Lucille Lane Bean  
Rev. Tom Brown  
Emily Bucknam  
Peggy Burch  
Donna Campbell  
Wiley Davis  
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#### Prayer Requests

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2022 church envelopes are on a table near the elevator on first floor for you to pick up today. If you see one for your neighbor, please pick it up and deliver to them to save us postage. Thank you.

