

**Welcome to our guests! Please stop by the
Welcome Center after the service for a special gift.**

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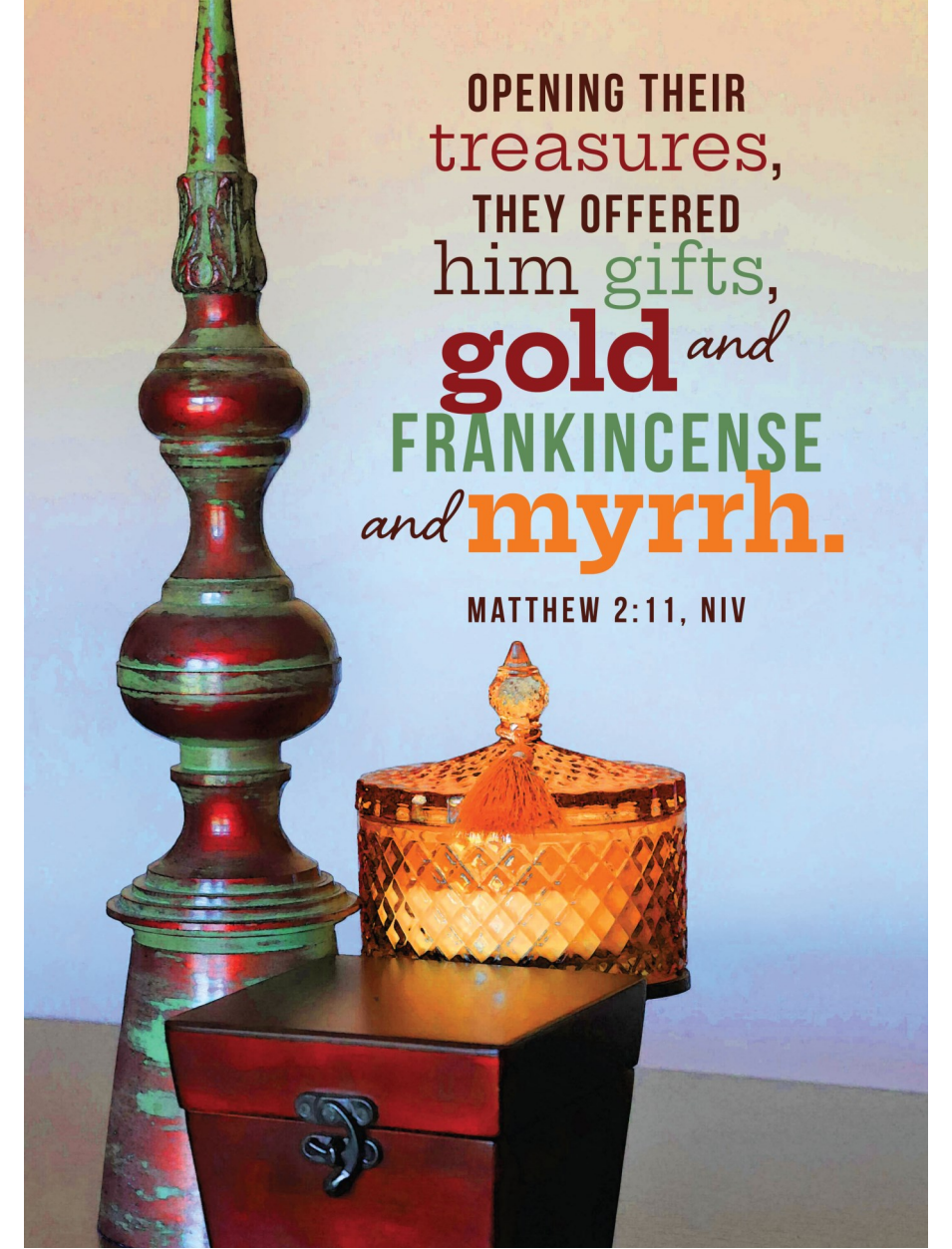
Welcome Desk - Patsy Porter

**Previous video messages and the church calendar are
available on the website at www.avonumc.com.**

**Remember to record your attendance in Realm or use
the attendance pad found in the pew or on the
chairs and pass to those in your row.**

**NA meets in the AUMC building on Mondays at 6:30 pm.
AA meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 pm. For more
information about AA, please contact Dan: 765-513-0588.**

**Please make sure you keep a lid on your coffee cups in the
Narthex and the Gathering area. Your help keeping coffee out
of the Chapel and Sanctuary is appreciated. Thank you!**



OPENING THEIR
treasures,
THEY OFFERED
him gifts,
gold and
FRANKINCENSE
and **myrrh.**

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV

December 28, 2025

Traditional Worship: 8:30 am

Blended Worship: 10:00 am

8:30 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"The Birthday of a King" - W. H. Neidlinger

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Ed

Call to Worship Pastor Rob

Song "Happy Birthday"

Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" **No. 251**

Prayer Susan Parsons

Special Music "Gesu Bambino"
Marlene Cook, Susan Parsons,
Lucy Schultz & Allison Williamson

***Children are dismissed to Children's Church.**

Hymn "We Three Kings" **No. 254**

Scripture Matthew 2:1-11 NLT

Message "A Birthday Party for Jesus" Pastor Rob

Hymn **No. 154, vs. 1-4**
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Time of Offering & Pastoral Prayer Gary Robinson
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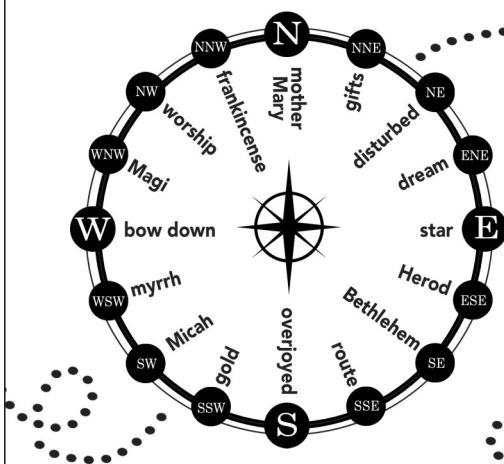


Doxology

Benediction Pastor Rob

Postlude Dianne Perry, organ
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" - Paul Manz

Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

1. Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews?
_____ (WNW)
3. How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
10. Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus.
_____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gifts; 12. frankincense, myrrh; 13. dream; 14. route

Announcements

***AUMC Sages** - Will resume on January 8th, the second Thursday of January.

***Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, January 5th at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 1.

***Prime Timers** will not be meeting in January.

***Save the date!** The Chili Cook-off and Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st starting at 5:00 pm.

***2026 Confirmation Classes**

Parents, grandparents, and guardians of middle school and high school students, confirmation class sessions and the 2026 faith journey for the students will begin on Sunday, January 25th. Contact Pastor Rob with questions or to sign up:

robprobus@avonumc.com or 812-345-6972



10:00 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ
"The Birthday of a King" - W. H. Neidlinger

Call to Worship Pastor Rob

Song "Happy Birthday"

Morning Welcome

Songs "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Praise Band
"Mighty Is The King"

Prayer Susan Parsons

Special Music "Gesu Bambino"
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Hymn "We Three Kings" **No. 254**

Scripture Matthew 2:1-11 NLT Pastor Rob

Message "A Birthday Party for Jesus" Pastor Rob

Song "God of Wonders" Praise Band

Offering & Pastoral Prayer

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Pastor Ed



Doxology Praise Band

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Postlude Praise Band

PRAYER

list...

Our Church Family

Betty Vogel

Continued Healing & Grace

Linda Huber, Penny Hanlon, Troy Brownfield, Alice King,
Doris Pellom, Bob Thompson, & Betty Vogel

Our Extended Families & Friends

Todd & Annabelle - friends of Peg Sharkey and David & P. Z. Sinclair; *Father of David Barnes*; *Sandy* - sister of Sonia Barnes; Bob - friend of Sonia Barnes; *Jay* - brother of Jon Prosser

Continued Healing & Grace Extended Families & Friends

Tim - brother of Teresa Donohue; *Reily Novak* - niece of Mary Sue Lisby; *Miles* - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; *Nora* - granddaughter of Sebastine & Karen Ujereh; *Alyssa* - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; *Gladys* - mother of Lisa Dick

Those Serving Our Country in the Military

This week's military persons of the week are:

Bridget Logeais

Ryan Filek

Our Card Ministry

Mike & Sandy Barrett



Ways to Support AUMC

Giving



Ways to Give:

1. Offering boxes on Sunday
2. Text AVONUNITED to 73256
3. Scan the Giving QR Code
4. Drop off or mail to the church

Attendance



Other Ways to Support AUMC:

1. Select AUMC as your rewards partner at Kroger Community Rewards.
2. Through IRA distributions
3. Through your estate
4. With your time

Prayer



Pledge

