

EPIPHANY PRAYER

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples Him who's name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever! Amen!

BENEDICTION

"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 Leila Byars 5 Bob Poling 6 Roy Oleson
7 Peggy Hinman 7 Becky Wiggins 7 Gabby Ork

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3 Perry & Elaine Cunningham 3 Ken & Elaine Grounds

CHURCH COUNCIL BUDGET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 3 at 2 PM - Fellowship Hall

COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS & LAY LEADERSHIP

January 4 at 9 AM - Fellowship Hall

CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

January 5 at 6 PM - Fellowship Hall

ONLINE GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY

TO RESUME JANUARY 6 at 9 AM

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LillianUMC/live>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 11 at 9 AM - Fellowship Hall

REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 17 at 3 PM - Fellowship Hall

MESSAGE FROM UM WOMEN PRESIDENT

Due to cases of Covid-19 in the community and in our congregation, we will not meet in January. We will continue to monitor this situation before deciding when to meet again. Happy New Year and God's blessings of peace and health to you all. Sara J. Laibe, UM Women's President

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WELCOME TO DRIVE-IN-WORSHIP

IN PECAN GROVE: Park and turn Radio to FM 104.9

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8:30 A.M. January 3, 2021

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Prayer)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

HYMN

“We Three Kings”

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain; Following yonder star.

Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night; Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding; Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never; Over us all to reign. (**Refrain**)

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and
praising, all men raising; Worship Him, God most high. (**Refrain**)

Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume; Breaths a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying; Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(**Refrain**)

Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia; Sounds through the earth and skies. (**Refrain**)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. He called together all the people’s,

chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people of Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

SPECIAL “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” by Deborah Adams

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER

SERMON

“Seeking the New Born King”

HOLY COMMUNION & ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, You are present in this Holy Sacrament. We love You above all and desire to receive You completely. Come into our heart as we embrace You as if you were already here and unite us wholly to You. May we never be separated from You and ever be filled with your Grace & Love! Thank you for the gift of your sacrificial love! Amen.

HYMN

“The First Noel”

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.