

CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dearborn, Michigan

Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 10:15 am

The Second Sunday After Christmas/Epiphany Sunday

*While we regret that we cannot gather in person, but we are grateful to be gathered in spirit.
We invite you to spend a few moments in quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship and to allow
yourself to be surrounded by the peace of Christ before we begin.*

PRELUDE

Caravan of the Three Kings

Richard Purvis

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of love is shining upon us.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of Your glory rising in splendor.
The radiance of Your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May His brightness illumine our lives
and beckon all nations to walk as one in Your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, in the
splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN**

The First Noel

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(See Hymn #1 at the end of this bulletin)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one
another in both our actions and inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light
has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious
God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumined by Your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

GREETINGS & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

GIFT OF MUSIC

Ave Maria

Franz Abt

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Going Back

Text: And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. – Matthew 2:12

*HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old
(See Hymn #2 at the end of this bulletin.)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, Almighty and Everlasting God ... we lift our hearts in joyful praise,
for You alone are holy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

***HYMN**

We Three Kings
(See Hymn #3 at the end of this bulletin)

Three Kings of Orient

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615

Johann Sebastian Bach

TODAY AT CHERRY HILL CHURCH

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Mark Phillips, Minister

Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist – Katie Garber, Soloist

Marcy Osborne, Camera Technician - Janet Reickel, Audio Technician

CHURCH NEWS

MONDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP - *Unafraid: Living with Hope in Anxious Times*:

Most of us would have to agree that we live in an anxious and fearful time. Making matters worse, our hyper fractious era of hate media, divisive politics, and multiplying natural disasters wreak havoc on our state of mind, leaving us troubled and unhappy. Fortunately there's abundant good news. As trusted pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton shows in his book, *Unafraid*, we can escape the echo chamber of anxiety and dread. With insight, intention and faith, we can learn to overcome what oppresses us, and live with courage and hope. Drawing on fresh research, psychology, and biblical principles, Hamilton helps readers untangle the knots of fear and truly embrace Jesus's recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid." For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. All are invited to join our Monday Afternoon Study Group for a five week study of *Unafraid* **beginning Monday, January 11 at 3:00 pm via Zoom**. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$10.00. Please contact Mark Phillips for a copy of the book or for more information.

NEEDED HELPING HAND SHELF STAPLES: Cereal and oatmeal, peanut butter, saltines, tuna, soup (tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle), canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta (spaghetti, noodles), boxed macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, hamburger helper, pasta sauce (meatless), dried or canned beans. The following toiletries are gladly accepted as well: toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, and tissue. You may bring your donations to the church on Mondays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and place in the large collection box outside the Weir Foyer door.

2021 PER CAPITA - \$32.00: Per Capita literally means “per person.” The Per Capita apportionment is an assessment paid to the General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery of Detroit for administrative costs at all three levels of the church. It is requested that each active member of all Presbyterian Church pay the per capita apportionment which enables the church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ, locally and throughout the world. **This year’s per capita is \$32.00.**

Cherry Hill’s total 2021 per capita (based on our membership of 181 at the end of 2019) is \$5,792. Those who pay their per capita help alleviate this financial responsibility of the church. Included with your Offering Envelopes for 2021 is a Per Capita Envelope. All members are encouraged to include \$32.00 (the amount requested for each active member of your family) as part of their offering during January (if possible). While we and the presbytery greatly appreciate receiving per capita offerings in January, please be aware that per capita is accepted at any time during the year.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: We will ordain and install the elders and deacons, elected by the congregation, at a special Zoom gathering **next Sunday, January 10, at 11:30 am.** Please join us for this special time in the life of our congregation. The invite to the gathering will be sent by email at the end of this week.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - Cherry Hill offers a secure, on-line giving option to encourage faithful stewardship. Please visit our website at www.cherryhillchurch.org to begin a one-time or recurring contribution and follow the link to complete your gift. Contributions may always be mailed to the church to the attention of Kim McDonald. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kim at the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Shirley DeKarsky Bruce Funston Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet
Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Lola Skogmo Shirley Thomas

Health Concerns & Support

Bobbie Redmer Larry Holmes Shirley Painter Kelly Pemberton
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church -The Presbytery of Detroit

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Michelle Adams, Sexton

The doors of this church are as wide as God’s love.

- The Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Cherry Hill’s Founding Pastor

#1

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with refrain

English carol, 17th century

English carol
Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west; O'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a - keep - ing their
east be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and

Refrain*
sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now -
stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.
(Refrain)
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought.
(Refrain)


#2

As with Gladness Men of Old



DIX 7.7.7.7.7

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858


Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906




1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly man-ger bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Him whom heaven and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heaven-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.



We Three Kings of Orient Are

John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

KINGS OF ORIENT: 8: 8: 8: 6.. with Refrain
John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



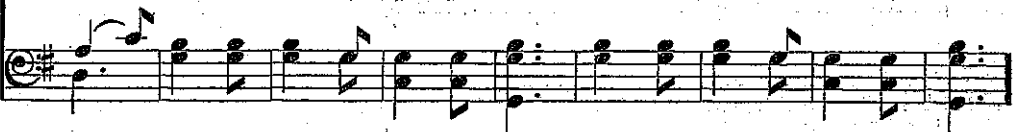
Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.



REFRAIN



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect Light.

