

Order of Worship
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
9:30 am – January 9, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Christmas Prelude on "Frohliche Weihnacht"
Lance Crane, organ

by Paul Fey

WELCOME

HYMN

The First Noel

UMH 245

CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 31047

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Barbara Tomblin, liturgist

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,

for God has done wondrous things!

(The Worship Sourcebook, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, p. 496)

HYMN

We Three Kings

UMH 254

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

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Barbara Tomblin, retired Diaconal Minister

ANTHEM

One Small Babe

FUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, guest director; Lance Crane, accompanist
Text by Mary Kay Beall. Music by Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 1-9; Matthew 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

Barbara Tomblin, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Sandy Liddell

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. Amen.
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who 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.

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness:
God of light and darkness, We have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

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COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 forever. Amen.

HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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We are marching* in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, (ooo) marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, (ooo) marching, we are marching in the light of God.

*singing, walking, ringing, dancing, praying, etc.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Venite Adoremus" hymn
Lance Crane, organ

Lance Crane

Prayer Requests:

Van Nuys UMC — Pastor Jay Ahn & Pastor Bo Yong Lee

Trinity UMC of Los Osos — Pastor Gilbert Stones

Prayers for those impacted by wildfires, including 1,000 families who lost their homes in Colorado

Matt Drake (brother-in-law of Sean Salas) — recovering from brain surgery

Linda Hawley — ongoing health issues

Echo Kukuchek — recovering from hip surgery on 12/31/2021

Dori (neighbor of Jan Marra) — Multiple Myeloma diagnosis

Kate Stradling (Kimmie's twin sister) — recovering from brain surgery

Family and friends of Ed Wankovsky (friend of Rick Medrano) – passed away last week



MOSES:

*In the Footsteps of the
Reluctant Prophet*

A six-week study beginning
January 17, 2022
Mondays 6 pm via Zoom

Contact layleader@venturafumc.org for more information.

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