



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Isaiah 60:1)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **The Light has come***

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: **Give glory to God.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

“The divine mandate is to beam light, sprinkle salt, knead leaven into an otherwise hopeless world.”

~ Carl F. H. Henry

READ SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

January 7, 2024

Second Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Jerry Bursch, Accompanist

Arr. Fred Bock

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

*Please rise in body and spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, we come to worship the newborn King.

We are seeking justice and righteousness for all the people.

We look to the mountains on either side and watch for your coming.

We seek the Christ, who lives forever, in spirit and truth.

We long for Your kingdom, where peace abounds and hope is restored.

Christ comes to save people from oppression and violence.

We seek the Lord of All, who helps the poor and needy.

Like the Kings from afar, we come to worship the King of Creation.

They presented their gifts, the best they had to offer.

We come as well, giving our whole hearts to the Lord

(Based on Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14)

*HYMN

The First Noel

UMH 245

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CCLI Song # 31047

1 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.

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;

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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]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN:	There's A Song in the Air CCLI / Streaming # 1256912/20574634 CCLI Song # 28225	UMH 249
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1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 60: 1-6 - Matthew 2: 1-12, Margie Schriener

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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 my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their

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treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright (v 1-2)

UMH 247

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1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright
thou beamest forth in truth and light,
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
my Lord and Master, thou hast won
my heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all-victorious,
rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

2. Thou heavenly Brightness! Light divine!
O deep within my heart now shine,
and make thee there an altar!
Fill me with joy and strength to be
thy member, ever joined to thee
in love that cannot falter; toward thee longing
doth possess me; turn and bless me;
here in sadness eye and heart long for thy gladness!

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way we glorify God with our whole lives.

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings

Arr. Joel Raney

Rhonda Budlong-Reints & Jerry Bursch, Piano Duet

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***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Child, as we bring our gifts this day, we remember wise kings who brought gifts to you so long ago. May these gifts bring prosperity for the people and the earth. May these gifts bring justice, and deliverance from oppression. May these gifts fall like showers of love that water our souls. May we be just like these gifts, blessed by you to change the world and to bring light to all. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: **Eat This Bread (2x)** **UMH 628**

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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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.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

(The United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

THANKSGIVING AND 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.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven 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 wine.

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.**
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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

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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 and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You UMH #666

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

Now Sing, We Now Rejoice

arr. Paul Manz

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*Our Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, **we serve and welcome** the people of Coachella Valley, **nurturing discipleship** through prayer, worship, and outreach.*

Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.

Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/live

Contact Church Office: 760-347-1046 or indioumc@gmail.com

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Secure online contributions to the church can be made at www.indioumc.com. Click on the GIVING tab and follow the instructions.

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January 7 – Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall. Hosted today by Margaret Henderson.

January 9 – Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

January 10 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

January 10 – Tai Chi today @ 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

January 13 – UWF 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

January 14 – Choir rehearsal 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

January 14 – Adult Bible Study at 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

January 14 – Children's Sunday School 9:00AM Youth Room.

Worship Volunteers

We need worship volunteers **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

Remember volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735**

Passcode: 235938 Or direct link from our website www.indioumc.com

WE ARE NOW USING VIMEO.

The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

All livestream for services are available at indioumc.com/live.

After livestream is complete, services are available at indioumc.com/media.

You can also use the direct link to the worship service:

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<https://shepherdofthevalleyumc.subspla.sh/jw5gmkf>

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The link for Solomon's nest will not change from Sunday to Sunday.

SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043209859?pwd=Au5wa0xTeGJkRzkyU0ZubllFeXRIUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 4320 9859

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR JANUARY 8, 2024

Monday Genesis 20-22 & Matthew 7	Thursday Genesis 27, 28 & Matthew 9:18-38	Sunday Genesis 33-35 & Matthew 11
Tuesday Genesis 23, 24 & Matthew 8	Friday Genesis 29, 30 & Matthew 10:1-23	
Wednesday Genesis 25, 26 & Matthew 9:1-17	Saturday Genesis 31, 32 & Matthew 10:24-42	

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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SOTV Prayer List (Week of January 8, 2024) **New prayer requests are in bold print**

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Peggy T., Jessie, Cindy S., Bill G., Carlos, Deanna H., Suzy V., Ronna S., Sharon E., Janet R., Sara M., Gary N., Brian B., Mike M., Leonard T., Judy B., Vanessa, Connie L., Carol E., Jack K., Kathy B.,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack and Joanne B., Margo D., Steve M., Chrystal M., Herb D., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., Allan M., John W., **Rita H.**,
3. For those in need of healing: Julie K., J.D., Tom G., Pat B., Carolyn G., Marlene H., Krista M., Paislee & Family, Greg R., Jan W., Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Gerda, Dave H., Gwen H., Kristi R., Riley Family., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., George E., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Leeann S., Sue M., Joe V., Bob S., Bob K., Felix C., Margie S., Mike H., Connie L., Dawson D., Macee F., Heidi B., Sherry P., Rose Marie P., Nancy P., Veronica R., Sue N., Pastor Doug P., David S., Steve P., Cherie, Michelle S., Faye B., Joseph P., Anne M., Tammy M., Robert M., Mike M., April T., Craig E., Barbara S., Connie B., Linda W., Charley, Don K., Jim G., Emma R., Teresa C., Barbara G., Deanna S., Beverly S., Sally H., Rachael, Jim A., Gary B., Mary M., Ed A., Marcia W., Cory M., Colleen G., Malcolm L., Angel A., Angel W., Don P., Dennis B., Jerry L., Moggy E., Michael T., Bryce R., A.S., Patty D., Jim H., Denise M., David M., Norm E., Lightner Family, Sandy W., Pam M., Ann W., Regina S., Kathy B., Carol P., Alex O., Tina E., Sadie Rose J., Leslie G., Jerri K., Jann Y., Monte., Ann B., Glenn W., **Wayne C., Cheryl M., Christine H., Kenzie H., Ethan R., Marc M.**,
4. Those facing surgery: Henry B., Eric F., Chris W., Pam M., Emma R., David M.,
5. For persons awaiting test results: Barbara G., Beth I., Howard B., Anna L., **Brian S.**,
6. For those nearing the end of earthly journey: John M., President Jimmy Carter, Joanne B., Windell T., Christine D., Pat D., David S., Phyllis G., Debi W., **Jon C.**,

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7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Pam M., Candice S., Trey E.,
8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Citlali C., Vickie R., Abby K., Sharon K., Sharon S., Ronnie D., Family of Laura F., Diane S., Kathy S., Sylvia, Tim P., Lahaina Survivors, Marc M. and Family, Ben BK., Nancy W., Cathy W., Suzy V., Stephen W., Bobby P., Bonnie L., Atina P., Gayle P., Tom M., McPhee Family., **Fred H.**,
9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and For protection for our first and front-line responders.
10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Dan T., Danlin M., Gus K., Deandra S., Krista M., Susan A., Sasha C.,
11. For those who give the gift of life: Alissa K.,
12. For those who have to make difficult decisions:
13. For those in times of transition: Wayne A., Destiny S., **Rita H.**,
14. Those who must travel: Penne M., Dave M., Rosson and Family,
15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: St. John's UMC Watts, All United Methodist Conferences, Lahaina UMC
16. For Our Missionaries Working all around the world.
17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council, UMC Bishop and Cabinet and **the African UMC**
18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and For people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather related challenges)
20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Luis G., Anna L.,
21. For those whose lives have been challenged by natural disaster and tragedy, especially those affected by tornados, wildfires, flooding,

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earthquakes, extreme weather and Global Warming and the people of Morocco, Libya, Iceland and Japan.

22. For racial justice and harmony
23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.
24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Brian T., Isaiah R.,
27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.
28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people,
30. For the Middle East and its people
31. We give thanks for old friends; and new.
32. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
33. For all creatures great and small, Lucky, Carmel,
34. For unspoken prayer requests
35. Thanksgiving for how God intervenes in our lives.

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