

# Monticello

United Methodist Church

*Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.*

January 2, 2022

8:30 am

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## Preparation for Worship

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.  
—Anonymous

## Focus Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

## Prelude

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

## \*Call to Worship

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

**Glory to God in the highest.**

Darkness covers the earth,

**but God's glory shines brightly.**

Lift up your eyes. Look around.

**The light of God's love shines radiantly.**

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

**Our hearts thrill and rejoice!**

## \*Hymn

*What Child Is This*

No. 219

## Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**God of light and love, shine upon our lives, as we welcome the mystery of your love. Guide us toward your true gift, for our hearts long to encounter with the holy. Quiet our expectations, that we might be surprised by the unexpected. Open our eyes that we might find you in unanticipated places. Shine your light upon us, that we might see you clearly, and recognize your face in all people. Amen.**

## Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

## Kid's Time

## Message

Special Music

*Bethlehem Star*

Kathy Brown

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Giver of every gift, source of all goodness and light, we open the treasure chests of our hearts before you. We offer you gifts of gold, to care for those in need. We offer you gifts of love, to serve a suspicious world. Bless our gifts and our lives, and use them to love and heal the world. Amen.**

Hymn

*We Three Kings*

No. 254

Announcements

Benediction

Follow the star—pay attention to the ordinary, the quiet places. May you share your gifts with all of God's creation! **Amen!**

Postlude

*On 'Gloria'*

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Gloria Cardoni

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live

10:45a in person

If you are visiting we welcome and invite you to Fellowship coffee and conversation at Café 2020. Ask about any of the events named in this bulletin. You will be welcomed!

Individual wireless receivers and children's activity bags are available from the ushers.  
Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents of babies.

**Food Pantry Needs:** THANK you to everyone who participated in the Reverse Advent. Your donations helped so much. We have been very busy with food distribution and assistance needs. Current needs include: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and Dish Soap.

### Calendar

#### Today

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
                  radio  
9:45 am      All Sunday School classes!  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person

#### Monday, January 3

4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds  
                  Sensibly)

#### Tuesday, January 4

8:15 am      Just Walking  
7 pm          Prayer via Zoom

#### Wednesday, January 5

6:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm      Bell Rehearsal  
8:00 pm      New Day Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 6

8:15 am      Just Walking

#### Sunday, January 9

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
                  radio  
9:45 am      All Sunday School classes!  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
5:00 pm      Youth Group Combined with  
                  fellowship meal  
6:30 pm      Parent meeting for Mission Trip