



Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.

2020 E. Washington Street, Monticello, IL 61856

January 3, 2021 8:30 am



Preparation for Worship

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
--Edith Wharton in "Vesalius in Zante"

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Prelude

Adeste Fideles

Carter

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

People: ***We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.***

Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

People: ***The darkness that surrounds us is gone!***

Leader: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

People: ***Let us become those who bring the light of God's love to others.***

*Hymn

We Three Kings

No. 254

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

Refrain:

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

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. [Refrain]

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

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

Common Prayer

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the baby of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the one who will truly set us free. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Kid's Time

Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

*Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 251

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

*Benediction

Follow the star! When you find the child, tell the good news to the world! Amen!

*Postlude

Masters In this Hall

Edward

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Gloria Cardoni

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



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Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Office Manager: Mary Catherine St. John

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Youth Ministries: Natalie McDowell

Director of Family Ministries: Mary Catherine St. John

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Important information to know...

You may reach Rev. Kathy at 815-370-3039.

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

Announcements

Do you know someone who has a special need or would like a phone call? Please call the office and let us know. Caring for each other has become a bit more difficult during covid--but not impossible!

Have you tried our new APP and website? We are excited for its launch. It is a great way to receive information about what is happening in the church. It is available in the Google Play store and Apple store.

Today

8:30 am Worship, online and radio

Monday, January 4

The Office is Closed.

Tuesday, January 5

8:15 am Just Walking via Zoom

7:00 pm Prayers via Zoom

Wednesday, January 6

Thursday, January 7

8:15 am Just Walking at the church

6:30 pm Hymn Singalong on Facebook Live

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am Worship--online and radio

5:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (via Zoom)

6:30 pm Senior High Youth Group (via Zoom)