

# 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 8, 2023

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

The Magi follow the light of a star, finding more than they were looking for, to return home transformed. —Joanne Carlson Brown

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Prelude

*March of the Kings*

\*Call to Worship

The darkness is gone.

**Rejoice in the light!**

The star shines brightly.

**Follow the star!**

A child is born.

**Bring your gifts!**

\*Hymn

*We Three Kings*

No. 254

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**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 babe 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

Rev. Kim Dancey

Kid's Time

Anthem

*Days of Elijah*

Sanctuary Choir

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; and these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword; still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes. These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise. And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world; and we are the laborers in your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord. There is no god like Jehovah.

Message

\*Hymn

*What Child Is This*

No. 219

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those who are overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time—the gifts of our very selves. May they shine for all to see and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

No. 251

Announcements

Benediction

Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

**We go in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.  
Amen.**

Postlude

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

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

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30am in person and Facebook Live

10:45 am in person

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am\*. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

\*On 5th Sundays we have one combined worship service at 10 am, with Sunday School at 9 am.

**Food Pantry Requests:**

kleenex, pasta sauce, taco seasonings & shells, refried beans, kidney beans, jelly, canned pears, fruit cocktail

**\*\* Loose Change Mission Offering totalled \$543.19 in 2022\*\***

**Calendar**

**Today**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
radio  
9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
(Adult, The Orchard, and  
Orchard 567)  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
5-7 pm       Youth Group

**Monday, January 9**

4:00 pm      T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds  
Sensibly)  
7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 10**

8:30am       Just Walking  
7 pm          Staff Parish Committee

**Wednesday, January 11**

1:00 pm      Bible Study  
**3:15 pm      Orchard After-School  
Program**  
**5:00 pm      WATCH Meal-Pancakes**

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*(Wednesday, January 11 cont)*

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

**Thursday, January 12**

8:30 am      Just Walking

**Sunday, January 15**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and  
radio  
9:45 am      Sunday School classes  
(Adult and The Orchard)  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
5-7 pm       Youth Group

**Looking Ahead:**

January 16     Finance Committee mtg  
January 17     Church Council mtg  
January 23     \*Parent Bible Study\*  
January 25     Trustees mtg