

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

Jean Okuye

GREETINGS

Kenny Perumalla

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am

Opening Prayer: O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship! We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

People: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine, for your light has come." We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

Leader: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world. We gather to seek and follow the Light.

All: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. O Lord of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob! O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. Amen.

Hymn: His Name is Wonderful

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TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Kalo

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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

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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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

***HYMN; O Worship the King v1-5**

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SCRIPTURE

Matt. 2:1-12

Message: "Joyfully Worship Christ the King"

HOLY COMUNION

***HYMN; Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine v 1-3**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magiⁱ from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



2nd Sunday after Christmas Day January 05, 2025

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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