



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006  
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

**January 9, 2022**

[\* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

~ 1 Peter 4:8-10

Thought to Ponder: "Light trumps darkness, every time. You can stick a candle into the dark, but you can't stick the dark into the light."

~ Jodi Picoult

Organ Prelude:

"Kings from the East Came Riding"

— Balcombe

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship<sup>+</sup>

**L:** O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**P:** **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

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**P:** **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

**L:** O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**P:** **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

**A:** **O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

\*Opening Hymn:

"The First Noel"

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**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**Holy One, you have come and in Jesus we have seen your light. Show yourself again to us this day. Move among us. Speak to us. Be revealed in and through us. So that we might leave this place inspired by your love and ready to share you with the world. For we pray it in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen.**

Prayer Response:

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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Mission Moment:

Batesville Area Ministerial Association – Food Pantry

Especially for Children

The Song:

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

Chancel Choir: Anthem: “A Child Is Born”

Sermon: “An Epiphany”

Hymn: “As with Gladness?” #236

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “Berceuse” — David Lasky

Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” #233

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” arr. Hughes

+ Adapted from re-worship. BlogSpot, original by the Calvin Institute

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

**LITURGIST / BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:**

January 9: Cindy Feller / Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry

January 16: Sam Sitterding / Merom

January 23: Dan Narwold / Safe Passage

January 30: Myron Kanning / Our Church Wider Mission

**St. John’s Prayer List – January, 2022**

**Those Bereaved** (*these names remain on for one year*): Howard Wessel; Carol Pinckney (friend of Elizabeth Hall); Lois Strand (mother to Dawn Buettner); Edgar Schebler (brother to Randy Schebler); Mildred (Darringer) Frye; Dick Sitterding; Vicki Wilhelm; Karen Simmons (cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb & Joe Foster); Phyllis (Thie) Miller, Mike Koester; Elton Linville; Melvin Krieger; Lee Kuhlman (John Kuhlman’s father); Bea Wessel.

**Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:** Doris Lamping; Dave Amberger; Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Gerald Huffmeyer (back surgery); Kent Meyers (son of Taaron & Roger); Jennifer Huffmeyer (recovering); Elizabeth Hall (ongoing health issues); Chyntia Buczak (cancer, friend to Dan Hall); Bob Wilhelm; John Thie (recovering, brother to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Dawn Buettner (cancer); Bonnie Johnston; Dr. Ashton Akridge (daughter of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Roger Schutte; Danny McDonough (health issues, father to Sarah Feldmann); Marian Koester; Ella Meyer (health issues, sister-in-law to Ron & Linda Meyer); Carolyn Carson (stage 1 breast cancer, grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Gary Weber (rotator cuff surgery); Loretta Jones (health issues, cousin to Dale Koester); Robert Weiler Jr. (colon cancer); Family of Doug Laws on his passing (nephew of Sandy & Dale Wittkamper).

**Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:** Aaron Gordon, Chris Williams, Kris Freeman, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller (Mac & Gail's son), Curtis Davidson (Scott & Sharon's son); Brantley Springmeyer (grandson of Ron & Jenell Schroeder).

**Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:** (For Peace)

*St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville:* Willis Rouse; Ruth Thie

*Chateau of Batesville:* Margaret Meyers

### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

January 9: Chancel Choir Performs

January 9: Take down Christmas Decorations (all help welcomed)

January 11: Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

January 12: Confirmation Class 1<sup>st</sup> Year @ 6pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> Year @ 7pm

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January 19: Confirmation Class 1<sup>st</sup> Year @ 6pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> Year @ 7pm

January 19: Chancel Practice @ 7pm

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## **SCRIPTURES**



### **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."

# Hymns

## The First Noel

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.

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]*

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]*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *[Refrain]*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *[Refrain]*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. *[Refrain]*

## Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## As with Gladness

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led by thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down.  
There forever may we sing  
alleluias to our King!

## **We Three Kings of Orient Are?**

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.

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

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

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

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