

Morning Worship

January 2, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Epiphany: And the Word became Flesh

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Anita Stabler-Hussey

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Hebrews 2:10-13 (NIV) Leader
Leader: In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

People: **Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.**

Leader: So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says,

People: **"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."**

Leader: And again,

People: **"I will put my trust in him."**

Leader: And again he says,

People: **"Here am I, and the children God has given me."**

***Opening Hymn** "We Three Kings" UMH #254
(v 1,2,5)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader
Heavenly Father, we come to worship today with a desire to understand and accept your Word. We read of how even though your *Word became flesh* in Jesus, the world still did not accept him. We confess that we are also prone to not accepting Jesus when our fears and doubts overtake us and we can't "see for ourselves" that he's with us. Remind us of you said to Thomas, "*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.*" Give us the strength to truly "see" you today. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Treasures of the Heart" Pepper Choplin
Quoting "Aura Lee" by George R. Powtan, 1861

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** John 1:10-18 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Let's Go Camping" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "What Child is This" UMH #219
(v 1-3)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

We bless your name, Jesus, the one *who is and who was and who is to come*. We approach this offering time as believers in you – and as Children of God. As Children of God, we’ve already received our inheritance, and so please accept these gifts back into your kingdom so that your will – and your work – may be done. We pray this all in Jesus’s name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Chuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “The First Noel” UMH #245

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH # 242
(v 1)

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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Sunday, January 2, 2022

“Growing in the Body of Christ”