



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

January 6, 2019

Welcome! Please see the pew card "Welcome to Worship" for more information on our services.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

Too long we've gone the wrong way...Followed the wrong stars!

We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

Star of Wonder...

We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

Star of Light...

We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

Star with Royal Beauty Bright...

O God, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

The Star of Hope.

The Star of Peace. **The Star of Joy.**

The Star of Love. **The Star that is You.**

* OPENING HYMN: "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" FS 2096

* OPENING PRAYER

God with us, God revealed in us, God hidden within our hearts, Show forth among us, Be manifest here this day, Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation to the poor who hunger for your nourishment, to the seekers who travel across deserts for your drink, to us gathered here, who desire you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage." At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too." After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" # 251

REFLECTION: "The Pajamas of My Dreams"

[Rev. Alka Lyall]

PRAYER OF RESPONSE: "The Work of Christmas" (by Howard Thurman)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,

the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.
God hear our prayer and our dreams. AMEN.

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]

*DOXOLOGY..... [tune # 95]

[You are invited to sing in one of these languages or in the language of your heart.]

[Español:] **A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor
Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

[English:] **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of Dreams and Visions,
Take these offerings of money and turn them into vision;
vision of all people fed,
vision of all people safe,
vision of all people housed,
vision of all people educated. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN: "Cuando El Pobre" # 434

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Scripture from The Inclusive Bible. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

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