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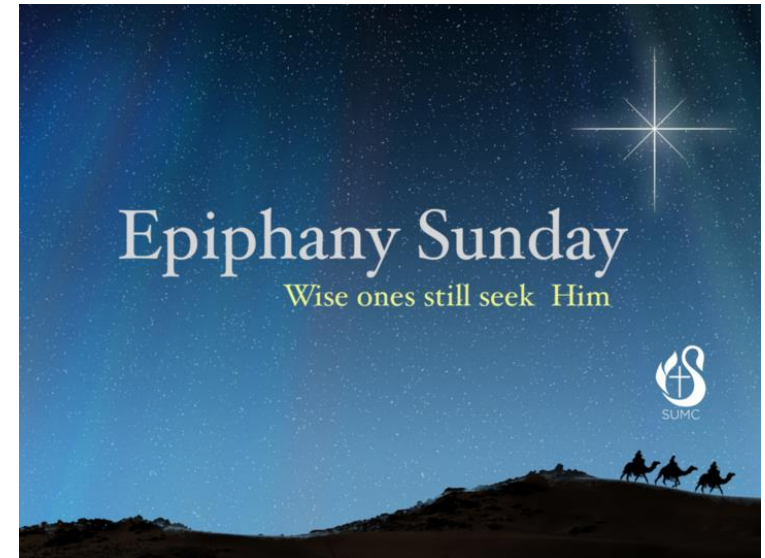
Membership in the United Methodist Church is open to all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. We recognize all former church memberships, baptisms, or if you are uniting with a church family for the first time. If you desire to make Swansboro United Methodist Church your church family, please indicate so on the Connection Card provided in your pew, indicating the date and service you wish to be received. It makes a difference to have those you can call “my church family.”

The flowers on the altar are free for you to take at the end of the service if you would like to take them to the Cottages, to a friend, or take them home. They are replaced each week.

## NOTES



*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**January 3, 2021**

**8:30 am**

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## Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"  
Terri Boykin

\*Greeting  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.  
**We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

\*Hymn UMH #245 "The First Noel"

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, pandemic and sickness, injustice, and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues and people of the dark can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon  
As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem . . . and be transformed from darkness into light. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

\*The Peace  
Lift your eyes and look around both here and those at home. The light of the babe of Bethlehem shines from the face of each one here. Let us now greet that light, rejoice that we are here together, and show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Wave to One another and remains in seats)

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Joanne Scholl

Call to Prayer "Come, Let Us Adore Him"  
Terri Boykin

Prayers of the People  
Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "A Change in Path" Pastor Kevin

Invitation to the Table

Giving our Tithes and Offering

Offertory "Christians, Carol Sweetly"  
Terri Boykin

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Great Thanksgiving The Faith We Sing 2257 a-d  
Breaking of the Bread  
Giving of the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*(During this season, we will be receiving communion with pre-packed and sealed wafers and juice. You will find these already in the designated seating areas that are available. If at the appointed time you do not have one, please raise your hand and a masked and gloved assistant will bring one to you.*

*Please wait until the time when we can all partake together. We also ask that each person carry the empty plastic containers out with them when leaving and deposit them in receptacles provided at the exit)*

Communion Music "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Terri Boykin

Prayer after the Meal

\*Hymn UMH #254 "We Three Kings"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Star of the East"  
Terri Boykin

**The congregation is asked to please wear a mask when moving closer to others not in your family/bubble and also if you sing along with hymns and songs. Help us model neighbor-love as we seek to keep all safe.**