

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

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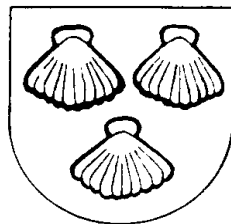


**January 3, 2021 - Epiphany**

**9:30AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Saint James  
United Methodist Church**  
Marriottsville, MD

# WE GATHER

Welcome and Prepare (prepare bread and juice for communion)

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

“Wexford Carol”

Ryan Ferguson

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Call to Worship

Edie Candee, Liturgist

One: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

**ALL: The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.**

ONE: Behold, the nations have come to witness God’s light.

**ALL: We lift up our eyes and look around, the glory of the Lord is risen among us!**

Opening Hymn

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Verse 1

See the Bright and Morning Star  
Jesus the Light of the World  
He has risen in our hearts  
Jesus the Light of the World

Chorus

Walk in the Light beautiful Light  
Come where His love and His mercy are bright  
Shine all around us by day and by night  
Jesus the Light of the World

Verse 2

He's the Lamp that lights our way  
Jesus the Light of the World  
Step by step and day by day  
Jesus the Light of the World

Verse 3

No more darkness no more night  
Jesus the Light of the World  
He will shine forever bright  
Jesus the Light of the World

Chorus

Chorus

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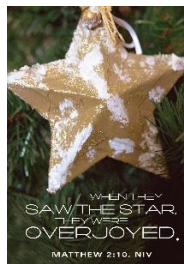
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Opening Prayer

**Glorious Lord, give us courage to follow Christ’s birth star, wherever your star would lead us. Give us wisdom to rise up and make room in our hearts for the gift of Jesus. Help us see the divine light that is in each person and be ready to share our light with all that we meet. Amen.**



## WE PROCLAIM

Children's Time to Shine

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (CEB)

Edie Candee, Liturgist

Arise! Shine! Your light has come;  
the LORD's glory has shone upon you.

<sup>2</sup> Though darkness covers the earth  
and gloom the nations,  
the LORD will shine upon you;  
God's glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light  
and kings to your dawning radiance.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look all around:  
they are all gathered; they have come to you.

Your sons will come from far away,  
and your daughters on caregivers' hips.

<sup>5</sup> Then you will see and be radiant;  
your heart will tremble and open wide,  
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;  
the nations' wealth will come to you.

<sup>6</sup> Countless camels will cover your land,  
young camels from Midian and Ephah.

They will all come from Sheba,  
carrying gold and incense,  
proclaiming the LORD's praises

Scripture

Matthew 2: 1-12

Edie Candee, Liturgist

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. <sup>4</sup> He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

*<sup>6</sup> You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,  
because from you will come one who governs,  
who will shepherd my people Israel."*

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." <sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

**Verse 1**

We three kings of Orient are  
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
 Field and fountain moor and mountain  
 Following yonder star

**Verse 2**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
 Gold I bring to crown Him again  
 King forever ceasing never  
 Over us all to reign

**Chorus****Verse 4**

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume  
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
 Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying  
 Sealed in the stone cold tomb

**Chorus****Chorus**

O star of wonder star of night  
 Star with royal beauty bright  
 Westward leading still proceeding  
 Guide us to Thy perfect light

**Verse 3**

Frankincense to offer have I  
 Incense owns a Deity nigh  
 Prayer and praising all men raising  
 Worship Him God on high

**Chorus****Verse 5**

Glorious now behold Him arise  
 King and God and sacrifice  
 Alleluia Alleluia  
 Peals through the earth and skies

**Chorus**

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**Message**

"Guide Us to the Perfect Light"

**Rev. Patricia Abell****WE RESPOND****Prayers for God's People, the Church and the World**

Share your prayer requests at [pastor.saintjames@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.saintjames@verizon.net) or [stjamessec@verizon.net](mailto:stjamessec@verizon.net)

**The Lord's Prayer****Offering and Mission Moment****Doxology**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (chorus only)

**UMH 206****Chorus**

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo

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## Holy Communion

## WE GO FORTH

### Closing Hymn

"The First Noel"

*UMH 245*

#### Verse 1

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

#### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

#### Verse 3

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

#### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

#### Verse 2

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

#### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

#### Verse 4

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

#### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

#### Verse 4

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

#### Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

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### Benediction

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

ONE: And so my friends, Go forth as a light to the nations.

**ALL: We go forth, following the star of Christ's birth.**

ONE: Go forth, as people of blessing.

**ALL: We go forth, proclaiming hope to the poor and the needy.**

ONE: Go forth as a light to all you meet.

**ALL: We go forth, with God's blessings!**

**Postlude**

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