

SUNDAY WORSHIP
EPIPHANY with COMMUNION

Jan 5, 2025 ~ 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Like the Magi, we are seeking you.

People: *Like the Magi, we are looking up.*

One: Like the Magi, we seek a sign.

People: *Guide our feet.*

One: Show up in the mundane and the extraordinary.

All: *Be in the stars in the sky and in our everyday lives.*

We are hopeful, O God. We are hopeful.

ANTHEM

JCC Choir

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— EPIPHANY with COMMUNION —

SONG #116 - *People, Look East* *Sharon Novak*

READING *LUKE 2: 1-9*

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CONFESSION

Includes adaptation of liturgy by Rev Sara Are

One: As we reflect on the story of those who seek you

People: *Following your light through long nights into new places, we are forever changed by what we discover.*

One: You reveal yourself to us over and over, and ask us to open ourselves to your presence.

People: *As we come to your table this morning, we step into the full compassion of your Holy Light, confessing:*

One: We are afraid and need your comfort.

People: *We are unsure and seek your confidence.*

One: We are struggling and ask you for strength.

People: *We are hurting and request that you heal us.*

One: We are angry and want you to help us let go.

People: *We are guilty and beg your forgiveness.*

All: *We are empty Lord, and ask you to fill us, now.*

ASSURANCE of PARDON & INVITATION TO TABLE

BLESSING & SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

GIFT OF STAR WORDS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

— EPIPHANY with OFFERING —

READING *LUKE 2: 10-11*

SOLO - *Star of Wonder* *Gia Osborne*

OFFERING

GIFT OF CHALK *20+C+M+B+25*

READING *LUKE 2: 12*

BLESSING *Home By Another Way* *Jan Richardson*

READING *LUKE 2: 13-15*

SONG#114 - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Sharon Novak*

READING *LUKE 2: 16-18*

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READING *LUKE 2: 19-23*

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— EPIPHANY with REFLECTION —

REFLECTION *LIBERATED* Rev Gail Doktor
BY GOD'S LIGHT

SONG #167 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* Sharon Novak

GIFT OF LIGHT

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

POSTLUDE

Sharon Novak

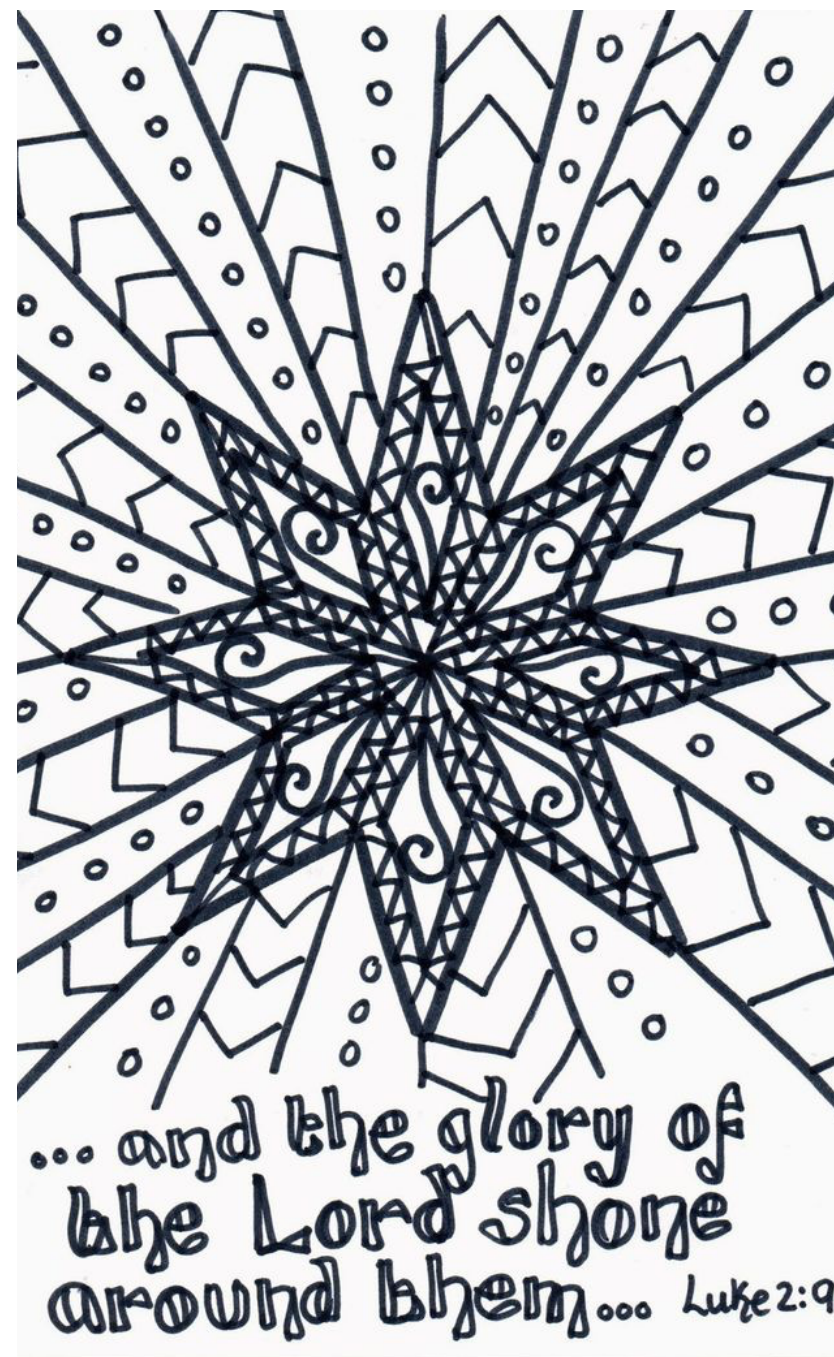
PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: For PEOPLE

Focus this week: David, Dean, Deb & Deb's spouse, Gillian, Irene, Jack, Kim, Ruth, Sue, Scamp, Tony, Tyler.

Continuing: Alice, Annie, Alexis, Arden, Barbara, Bob, Bob G., Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Cindi, Corey, David, Darlene, Deb, Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen, Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sally, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Rob, Bob G, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson S., Dawson's sister, Alice, Arden, Bob G., Wendy.

EPIPHANY SCRIPTURE

LUKE 2



The Visit of the Magi : Part 1— In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east^[b] and have come to pay him homage.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah^[c] was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘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.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.”

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

The Visit of the Magi: Part 2 —¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Escape to Egypt — ¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The Massacre of the Infants —¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

The Return from Egypt —¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”

²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”