

Armstrong CHAPEL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A welcoming community alive in serving Christ.

Online Worship Resource



Prophets and Promises

CALL TO WORSHIP

Prophets & Promises resource

*With joy and gladness
we feast upon the love of God.
You have come among us in Jesus,
Your Son,
and your presence graces this table.
May Christ dwell in us
that we might bear His love to all the world,
for He is Lord forever and ever. AMEN.*

*HYMN

*We Three Kings
#254*

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

We Three Kings, # 254

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

[Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

[Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

[Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

[Refrain]

**HYMN*

OPENING PRAYER

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O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this worship with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our blessing; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams
in the wasteland.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

GIFTS THE CHILDREN BRING TO JESUS

During our Christmas Eve 5pm service, the children were invited to consider: "What gift would I give to baby Jesus?". Without much editing and prompting from adults, here are their answers:.

a blanket
 a warm cozy crib
 diapers
 My love for him, by following him and loving
 people like he loves me.
 football
 present
 clothes, baby
 penicillin
 the gift of love
 a blanket and a bottle
 love
 my love
 a dog
 gold
 pot of gold and warm blanket
 a toy train
 health
 cat
 sheep blanket
 pink book
 joy
 a toy
 love
 love, peace and a song
 jammies
 a hot wheel track
 baby toy
 gold
 eat and play with him
 my faith
 rattle
 gold
 dinner
 hope
 teddy bear
 love and health
 the gift of love to the unloved
 iPhone
 give him food and apples
 crown
 necklace
 baby doll
 a stuffed animal
 peace on earth
 food, water and love

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR EPIPHANY

referencing Matthew 2:1-12 – written by Thomas Turner

God of all good gifts,
 who gives freely to us,
 have mercy on us and grant us the peace
 that only the Prince of Peace can provide.

Grant that our lives would be an offering,
 and that our work would be a good gift,
 just as the gifts that the magi brought,
 pleasing to you and fit for the king of all
 creation.

We look to you, our Prophet, Priest and King,
 to rule the world with justice,
 and to give salvation to all who call upon you.
 Amen

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dianna Sheely

HYMN

There's a Song in the Air
 #249 vs 3

In the light of that star
 lie the ages impearled;
 and that song from afar
 has swept over the world.
 Every hearth is aflame,
 and the beautiful sing
 in the homes of the nations
 that Jesus is King!

Words: Josiah G. Holland (1874)
 Composer: Karl P. Harrington (1904)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EPIPHANY

by written by Joy Cowley

Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,
 essence of all creation.
 You are the symphony of stars and planets.
 You are the music of the atoms within us.
 You are the dawn on mountain peaks,
 the moonlight on evening seas.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ,
 Cosmic love in human flesh.
 You graced the smallness of time and place
 to teach us to dance to the music of life.
 You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.
 You make your home in our lives,
 revealing that cross and resurrection

are one on the road to freedom.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth,
wisdom and breath of our being.
You are the wind that sweeps our senses.
You are the fire that burns in our hearts.
You are the needle of the inner compass,
always pointing to true North,
guiding us into the Mystery of Life.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

Hear us as we unite our hearts in the words Jesus taught us to pray saying: ***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen***

***HYMN**

There's a Song in the Air
#249 vs 4

We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!

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Words: Richard Blanchard (1959)

GIVING

***RESPONSE**

#95, UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-15 (NRSV)

¹³ When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where they

stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

The Word of God for the People of God.

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MESSAGE

Prophets and Promises

Rev. David W. Brown

***HYMN**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

#251

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Adapter: John W. Work Jr. (1907)

Music: Afro-American spiritual

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BENEDICTION

by W.L. Wallace in Shine On, Star of Bethlehem

May this holy season be for each of us
a time of moving beyond what is "reasonable"
and toward the star of wonder;

moving beyond grasping tight to what we have
to unclenching our hands and letting go,
following the Light where it leads;

moving beyond competition toward cooperation,
seeing that all humans are sisters and brothers;

moving beyond the anxiety of small concerns
towards the joys of justice and peace.

And may almighty God bless you,
the Creator, the Son, and the Sustainer.

Amen.



MUSIC

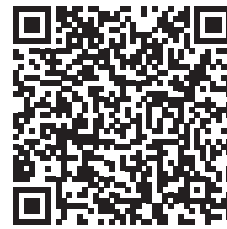
Chancel Choir led by Ben Basone
Organ & Piano, Stacy Haney

PRODUCTION TEAM

Camera: Shanon Rice
Stream Sound: Kashena Rhoill
In House Sound: Steve Yokel

LITURGIST

Beth Eberle



Tell us you watched!
Scan QR code for attendance

Armstrong **KIDS**
SKATING
Party
Sunday
January 29
4:30-6:30 pm
Castle Skateland
in Loveland
\$10 Donation per family for Admission
PIZZA & DRINKS
\$3 per person for skate rental
Dress as your favorite cartoon character!
INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ally Breakfast
Saturday
January 14
8:00 - 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall
RSVPs appreciated
Scan for RSVP
Armstrong MEN
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

GIVING

Women UNITED
of Armstrong Chapel
It's lunch time!
January 11
12:30PM
The National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike ~ RSVP to Dianna

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