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January 1st, 2023

PRELUDE

Festival Choral

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Natalie Palacio

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader : We enter this new year with hope and excitement

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us

O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You Amen

CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)

Natalie Palacio

God of all time,

**we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of
this world with the glorious light of your presence.**

**A light which made your love for the world visible
in the babe born in Bethlehem—**

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour.

**A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar
to find and worship the Christ-child.**

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will accept our worship

for it arises from hearts and minds

in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***OPENING HYMN:**

We Three Kings

TWFS#254

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Natalie Palacio

ANTHEM:

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Ximenita Gonzalez

Mezzo Soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE:

Natalie Palacio

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (verses 1, 4) TWFS #2098

SERMON:

"Be A Light"

Beverly Alexis

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION*Voluntary on "Songs of the Manger"*

William Teubner Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

CLOSING HYMN:

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

UMH # 251

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Festive Recessional

**Please rise in body or spirit as you are able
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Gun violence in America, The Weaver Family, Rikki, Bob Reed, Christina, Family of Marlene Frere, Dottie Zottie, Warren Pierce, Jamie Noonan, K.S., Norma, The Miles Family, Bertha, Mervin The Boggan Family, Jerry Gaston, the people of Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Christina Teubner Donett, Family of Brook Lewis.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 01:

9:30am-10:00am Instrumentals
10:00am-10:30am Soloists
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 02:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, January 03:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debby's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday January 04:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbie's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, January 05:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
3:30pm-9:00pm Debby's Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, January 06:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, January 07:

8:00am-3:30pm Debby's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

