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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall arise out of Israel." Numbers 24:17

Carillon Bells¹

Prelude *Fantasia, On the First Noel* HUGHES

Welcome

The Candlelighting MARSHALL & PATSY McCAMMACK

Introit *Emmanuel*

GATHER

***Call to Worship & Affirmation of Faith** *1 Pet.1:13; Rom.10:9*
Prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. He is Lord.

***Hymn 288** *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

There is that in us, O God, that doesn't move toward You. At best, we just don't move toward You. At worst, we move away from You. Both come from our sin, our dullness in sin and our rebellion in sin. Yet You bid us to seek You and to seek You as the One Who is Our Greatest Good. Forgive us for not seeing You as this and not seeking You. Then establish yourself as both the star and the Savior which all wise men and women seek and before whom all wise men and women bow. Hear our prayer.
(silence for individual confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

1. Please silence cell phones.
* Congregation please stand as able.

LISTEN TO THE WORD

Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 60:1-3, 6*

Anthem *Glory in the Highest!*

LLOYD LARSON

Sermon Lesson *Matthew 2:1-12*

Sermon *Matthew This Christmas: Seeking the Child*

Prayer

RESPOND

Tithes and Offerings Invitation

Offertory *Christmas Medley*

GUEST ARTIST, RUTH MEDINGER

Ascription of Praise — Psalm 72:10-11

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings
fall down before him, all nations give him service.

***Hymn 290 v.2-3** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO OUT

***Hymn** *When Mary Hugged Her Newborn Son*

TALLIS' CANON

Charge and Benediction

Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.
There is something He wants to do through you there.
Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.
The indwelling Christ has something
He wants to do through you there.
Believe this and rely on His power, His grace, and His love.
--Adapted from R. Halverson, former Chaplain of the Senate

***Response**

“Shalom”

GILLMAN

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Next Week: PROTECTING THE CHILD

Vision Statement: To know Christ and to make Christ known

Our Commitments at First:

- **Show up for worship**
- **Cheer up our brothers & sisters**
- **Grow up spiritually**
- **Hold up the pastor & congregation in prayer**
- **Pay up tithes & offerings with glad hearts**
- **Play up everywhere every good thing about our church**

Elder Class of 2017

Jane Capo (Clerk)
Joan Giltinan (Outreach)
Ron Kelly (Finance)
Don Wilson (Outreach)

Elder Class of 2018

Doris Brown (Admin.)
Dick Sladen (Finance)
Jean Valentine (Worship)
Kirk Woolery (Christian Ed.)

Elder Class of 2019

Irene Harpley (Cong. Life)
Wilma Kaelin (Mission)
Donna Lilga (Personnel)
Sam Spear (Admin.)