

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: For Unto Us a Child is Born Rita Pittman

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Alan Forsman

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence

People: For my hope is from Him

Pastor: He is my fortress, I shall not be shaken

People: On God rests my deliverance and honor

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times

People: God is a refuge for us

*Hymn # 55 All Creatures of Our God and King

Offering -Offertory- Go Tell it on the Mountain
Doxology (#48) and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music Celebrating Jesus Mark Pittman

Prayers of the Church Rev. Liz Jensen
Moment of Silent Prayer
Morning Prayer followed by Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Pam Gabie

Hymn # 8 How Great Thou Art

Today's Message Begin with the End in Mind Alan Forsman

*Hymn # 147 O Come All Ye Faithful

*Benediction

*Postlude The Huron Carol Rita Pittman

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information.

BRUNCH WITH OUR MISSIONARY: We are planning that our missionary Erika Clauson will be our guest. We'll hold this event at Venezia after Church. We will have the sign-up sheet available on December 17th because our next 2 Sundays will be December 24th and 31st and everyone may not be at Church on those dates. Could you put something about the sign-up sheet being available in the Bulletin either this Sunday or next Sunday. Thanks, Linda

BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Gagnon 12/31, Sandy Wolcott 1/3,

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

George Alexander & Nancy Janish

Attendance Last Week:

Morning Service 30

Christmas Eve 75

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-in sheets on the rear table.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (New Living Translation)

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^{1a} from the east came to Jerusalem **2** 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."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** 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. **5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'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.'"^{1b}

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** 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."

9 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. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** 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. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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