

**WELCOME GUESTS!** We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. We look forward to meeting you after the service and hope to see you again soon. Please sign the red attendance pad located in your pew.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided for infants and children ages three and under during the 11:00 Worship Service.

If you need assistance, please see an usher. Activity bags are available in the narthex for children who remain in worship.

**Flowers:** Sign up to give flowers in Honor of or in Memory of someone by signing up on the flower chart, located on the wall near the elevator. The cost is \$60.

**ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE:**

LITURGIST: LIZ VOGT

USHERS: DEB CARROLL, BRENDA DAVIS

**ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE:**

LITURGIST: GEDDIS KERR

USHERS: JIM & DANNYE IVEY, SONYA HUGHES, SHARON LAROCHE

COMMUNION SERVERS: GEORGIANNE KENNEDY, JOAN EDWARDS, DEBORAH THORPE

ACOLYTE: LEYLA ORHAN

NURSERY: MARYANNE TURNER

SOUND TECH: DICK JAVINS

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton, Pastor

Doris Page, Administrative Assistant

Glo Hadermann, Oakton Christian Preschool Director

Michelle Orhan, Director of Music

Ben Paris, Organist

Marianne Turner, Nursery Director

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The mission of OUMC is to:

\* Know Jesus as Christ \* Invite others to follow Him \* Develop devoted disciples \* Serve those in need



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*\*Please stand if able*

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP (11:00)

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Three Kings”

No. 254

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darkness is banished!

**God's light has come to us!**

The brightness of the Star leads us!

**We come to celebrate God's abiding love!**

Glory be to God in the Highest!

**And on earth, peace forever. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we have been wrapped up on our secular celebration of Christmas. We have thoroughly enjoyed the music, the food, the swirl of activities. We have looked happily at the Christmas lights and decorations, and yet we have chosen to ignore the people who are most in need of compassion and assistance during this time. We often feel overwhelmed by the demands on our resources and so we turn our “deaf ear” and look away. Open our hearts today, precious Lord, and help us hear the cries of those in need. Bring us to an understanding of active discipleship in which we work helping others and thus serving you. Heal us and give us courage and joy in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As surely as the Light follows the Darkness, the light of God's love, given to the world so long ago, is given for you, for healing and hope. You are beloved of God. In God's name, receive the Light. AMEN.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 690

**BLESSING OF THE TOYS**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 95

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

## EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

**\*CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN SING**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 2

**SERMON**

"Strangers from Afar"

REV. DAWN-MARIE SINGLETON

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

No. 251

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**