



**First United Presbyterian Church  
801 Sixteenth Street Moline, Illinois  
Morning Worship  
10:00am Sunday, December 27, 2020**

**Mission:** To glorify God and make disciples.

**Vision:** To develop a community that seeks to follow Christ, love others, share the gospel faithfully and disciple the next generation of believers.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask a greeter! The Sanctuary, Overflow Room, and Fellowship Hall are open to anyone, while we continue social distancing. For those who cannot join us in person, a livestream is available [here](#).

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**PRELUDE Jeff Tunberg**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Dave & Sherie Dobereiner; Jim Sanderlin from Daniel 7**

9 "As I looked,  
thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.  
10 A stream of fire issued  
and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days

and was presented before him.  
14 And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

This morning we light the Christ Candle, rejoicing over the Holy Infant with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, and the host of angels! Once a baby, Jesus Christ now reigns! He is our Shepherd, Savior, Brother, and Friend. Our God, Lord, and King.

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

words: James Montgomery, 1816

music: French carol

solo:

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Gloria!

solo:

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star.

solo:

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

† Congregation:

Though an Infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

## † HYMNS OF PRAISE

### *We Three Kings*

by John H. Hopkins, Jr, 1857

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

Ladies and girls:  
Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.

Men and boys:  
Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

### *Jesus Saves*

by David Moffitt & Travis Cottrell  
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Hear the heart of Heaven beating,  
"Jesus saves, Jesus saves."  
And the hush of mercy breathing,  
"Jesus saves, Jesus saves."  
Hear the host of angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"  
And the sounding joy repeating,  
"Jesus saves."

See the humblest hearts adore Him.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
And the wisest bow before Him.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
See the sky alive with praise,

Melting darkness in its blaze.  
There is light forevermore in  
"Jesus saves."

*Freedom's calling, chains are falling,  
Hope is dawning bright and true.  
Day is breaking, night is quaking,  
God is making all things new.  
Jesus saves.*

He will live, our sorrow sharing.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
He will die our burdens bearing.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
"It is done!" will shout the cross,  
"Christ has paid redemption's cost!"  
While the empty tomb's declaring,  
"Jesus saves!"

O to grace, how great a debtor,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
All the saints who shout together,  
"Jesus saves, Jesus saves."  
Rising up so vast and strong,  
Lifting up salvation's song,  
The redeemed will sing forever,  
"Jesus saves!"

*Freedom's calling, chains are falling,  
Hope is dawning bright and true.  
Day is breaking, night is quaking,  
God is making all things new.  
Jesus saves.*

## † PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

#### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted the Good News to be good.

We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth.

We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives.

We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You for becoming God with us.

We have closed our eyes to Your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

We have chosen to remain silent instead of declaring, "Jesus saves!"

Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

#### **Individual Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon Titus 3:4,5**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

## † HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*When Love Came Down*

by Stuart Townend

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When Love came down to earth  
And made His home with men,  
The hopeless found a hope,  
The sinner found a friend.  
Not to the powerful  
But to the poor He came,  
And humble, hungry hearts  
Were satisfied again.

*What joy, what peace has come to us!  
What hope, what help, what love!*

When every unclean thought,  
And every sinful deed  
Was scourged upon His back  
And hammered through His feet.  
The Innocent is cursed,  
The guilty are released;  
The punishment of God  
On God has brought me peace.

Come lay your heavy load  
Down at the Master's feet;  
Your shame will be removed,  
Your joy will be complete.  
Come crucify your pride,  
And enter as a child;  
For those who bow down low  
He'll lift up to His side.

## † OLD TESTAMENT READING    Isaiah 60:1-6    Regine Ekoh

*The Future Glory of Israel*

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- 3 And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
  
- 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SERMON Matt Hampson, Youth Director

### *The Ordinary People of Christmas: Magi* † Matthew 1:18-25

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose[b] and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way..

## † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*As with Gladness, Men of Old*  
words: William C. Dix, 1856  
music: Konrad Kocher, 1838

As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light  
Leading onward, beaming bright  
So, most glorious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom Heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,

Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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