

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – Epiphany Sunday – 1.1.17

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PRELUDE.....*Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Maurice Durufé

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*Come and Worship*..... Chancel Choir  
REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“Joy to the World”.....No. 246

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Birthday Of A King*.....Sarah Wilkerson, soprano  
William Neidlinger

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 2:1-12.....Rev. Wilkinson  
New Testament, Page 2 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.*

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\*\*CHILDREN’S BLESSING..... Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Rev. Joyce

MORNING PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads

THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... Congregation (speaks in unison)

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”....No. 206

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....Coventry Carol.....Elizabeth Beck, violin  
arr. John Leavitt Chancel Choir

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 2:25-38.....Rev. Joyce  
New Testament, Page 71 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**SEARCHING FOR GOD**.....Rev. Joyce

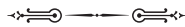
† \*HYMN OF INVITATION..... “Go Tell It on the Mountain”.....No. 251

*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family  
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ..... Dr. Rhoads

*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you  
welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we  
renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service,  
and our witness.*

BENEDICTION ..... Dr. Rhoads  
SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Chancel Choir  
John Rutter  
POSTLUDE.....*Trumpet tune on “March of the Kings”*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Gordon Young



† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

\* If you wish to join the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

\*\**Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:*

- *Infants–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center*
- *K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary*
- *2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*