

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## First Sunday After Christmas

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "Glory to God" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Jim

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "What a Glorious Night"  
"We Three Kings" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Moment For All Ages** Joan Leaman

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 2:8-20* Kate Barrett

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 2:1-12* Kate Barrett

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.  
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

**Sermon** "Shepherds and Wise Men" Pastor Jim

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** *World Service Fund* Pastor Jim

**Offering** "The First Noel" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer** Pastor Jim

**Gathered Prayers of the People** Pastor Jim

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** "Our King Has Come" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Jim

**\*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship First Sunday After Christmas

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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### \*Call to Worship

Peter Mullen

One: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.

**Many: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.**

One: Now the light has truly come to us!

**Many: Darkness has been banished away!**

One: Let us shine! For the Light of God's love has come to us.

**Many: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. AMEN.**

### \*Processional Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

UMH, No. 250

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Peter Mullen

**Holy and Righteous God, during this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the story of the Shepherds and Magi. Let us go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, the Babe lying in a manger. Let us hear again from the Holy Scripture the story of those who came to seek and worship the new born, the Son of the Living God. Amen.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Peter Mullen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Joan Leaman

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Luke 2:8-20*

Peter Mullen

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Peter Mullen

### \*Response to the Lesson

Peter Mullen

**One:** This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

"The Jesus Gift"

Chancel Choir

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**THIS WEEK: December 27 through January 3, 2015**

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Rev. Jim Mundell Preaching**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

**Monday:**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#14)  
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)

**Tuesday:**

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tech Committee Meeting (#1)

**Wednesday:**

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#14)

**Thursday:**

**Church Office is Closed**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. R.O.M.E.O.s at Perkins**

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10)  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

**Happy New Year! Church Office is Closed**

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

**Sunday:**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby.***

***Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for December 20, 2015**

**General Offering: \$5,694.<sup>00</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$210.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 233**

**Emergency Groceries Bags**

**Distributed YTD: 134**

**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD:**

**\$2,153.<sup>80</sup>**

**Christmas Offering: \$25.<sup>00</sup>**

**No More Malaria: \$10.<sup>00</sup>**

***It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact and change lives for Christ!***

## Moment of Impact

The World Service fund is a part of our church's regular giving to the Annual Conference and the General Church. It allows the General Church to support missionaries and ministries around the world. In the United Methodist Church, we are part of a connectional system. Our impact extends around the globe to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)*

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“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.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 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.” 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. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.