

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 2nd, 2022
“EPIPHANY SUNDAY”
Liturgical Color – White



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*“Go and search carefully for the child.
When you’ve found him, report to me
so that I too may go and honor him.”*

Falling to their knees, they honored him.

*Then they opened their treasure chests
and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:8b, 11b (CEB)

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *A TIME TO FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS ON OUR SAVIOR, LORD, AND KING – JESUS!*

OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!
Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!
Let us fall on our knees in his honor!
Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

* *What Child Is This*

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* *We Three Kings*

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

written by Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

**We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.**

We believe that he will come again.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

* *Glory Be to the Father*

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JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

WHERE CHILDREN BELONG

2233 (sing twice)

*This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.*

TIME OF PRAYER

GOD'S WORD:

Matthew 2:1-12

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The People respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"HOW WE CAN HONOR JESUS"

A PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR TREASURES TO THE LORD

**God of light and promise,
we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world.
May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness.
Help us to use our gifts for justice and righteousness,
that oppression and violence may cease, and peace may flourish.
May the light of your love shine through our living,
that suffering may end,
and all may rejoice in your gift of life.
Amen.**

JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

written by Moira Laidlaw

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

The Lord's Prayer

DISCIPLES' CHALLENGE

Honor Jesus!
Live a life worthy of the sacrifice Jesus made for you.
Be faithful.
Be fruitful.

* BENEDICTION

Father Potter of Peckham

* *My Tribute*

99 (twice)