



11 am Worship
January 5, 2025

Worship Participants

Joy Barrett, Gary Dawes, Randy Umfleet
 Hengyi Ye, piano
 Misty Noble, soloist
 The Sanctuary Choir
 Nancy Daly, soloist

Communion Servers: Lynette Lynch, Steve Lynch,
 Joanne Weber, Craig Overmyer

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The Road Isn't Straight

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 | Isaiah 43:16-21

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

Today

Communion Sunday and Faith In Action Food Drive
 See the blue bin for the donation list.

12:15 pm Rezound Handbell Practice
 Confirmation Orientation
 5 pm Soup-er Sunday

This week

Tuesday	7 pm	The Quiet Center
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7 pm	Nominations & Leadership Dev. Jesus and the Disinherited Class
Friday	6 pm	Chili Cook-Off
Saturday	12 pm	Leadership Board

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

*Break Forth O Beauteous Light
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Welcome

Prelude

We Three Kings

Call to Worship

Leader: How did you get here?
**Left side of the room: I walked, eyes looking up,
following the star.**
**Right side of the room: I ran, lunging for a love that
is bigger than me.**
**Left side of the room: I tumbled and fell,
tender step after tender step.**
**Right side of the room: I ambled like a river,
caught up in God's flow.**
**All: I crawled,
kissing the earth below me.**
Leader: Tell me again.
How did you get here?
**All: I am here by God's grace
and love's pull.**
Leader: Welcome home.
Wherever you are, you are in
God's house
and there is room for you.
**All: Let us worship
our gracious God**

Opening Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory
red hymnal #220

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of new beginnings,
We admit that we often follow the well-worn path,
simply because others have been there before.
Sometimes this is holy and humble,
but there are days when a new path needs to be tread.
On those new-beginning days, O God,
give us the courage to follow your star.
Give us the courage to go home by another way.
Give us the courage to kick up some dust
and walk in a new direction
for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor.
For when you are doing a new thing,
we want to have the courage to follow.
With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Anthem *You'll Never Walk Alone*

Message

Song of Response *Wise Ones Called to Journey On*
see insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving - red hymnal Musical Setting A #17

Sharing Bread and Cup

(music during communion: *Christ, Be Our Light*)

Blessing Prayer

Closing Hymn

The First Noel
red hymnal #245

Postlude

Christmas Celebration

Wise Ones Called to Journey On

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1. Wise ones, called to jour - ney on, seek - ing truth and
 2. Sa - cred star with stead - y beams bright - 'ning path - ways
 3. Ra - diant Christ of peace and might breach - ing bar - riers
 4. God of sag - es, star, and child, draw us forth in

G D G D G C D7 G

trust - ing signs, lead us when our hope is gone,
 sure and sound, send us bold and right - eous dreams,
 with your birth, bring de - liv - rance and de - light,
 faith and doubt, try - ing roads well - known and wild,

C D G C G D G D G

show us where God's prom - ise shines. Stead - fast el - ders,
 steer us where God's grace is found. Brill - iant guide, as -
 rouse us with your pow'r on earth. Je - sus, break like
 light with - in us and with - out. Ho - ly One, we're

D7 G C D G C G D7 G

through the miles give us strength in tests and trials.
 cend a - head, change our course as we are led.
 dawn with - in: may a bright new day be - gin.
 bound a - stray; teach us how to find our way.