

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

January 8, 2023

9:30am

Theme: Those Who Dream

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Praise "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173

*Greeting

Leader: The Magi had a dream.

People: They dreamed of a Messiah. They dreamed of just rulers. They dreamed of a new day for all people.

Leader: The Magi had a dream, and this dream led them to action.

People: They journeyed to unknown places. They followed a star. They walked for days to get to Jesus.

Leader: So may we be like the Magi.

ALL: MAY OUR DREAMS INSPIRE ACTION. MAY WE WORSHIP THE ONE TRUE GOD. AMEN.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of the Milky Way, we, like the Magi, are walking toward you. One foot in front of the other, we are walking toward you. It is our very prayer to move your way. So if you can, leave the light on and the front door unlocked. Leave a fire in the hearth and food on the stove. And when we start to get lost or doubt our dreams, give us the will to persevere. We are walking toward you, O God. Thank you for opening the door. AMEN.

Children's Message

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

Prayer Song "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 1) Hymnal #221

Instructions for Star Words

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer/Prayer after Receiving the Stars

Prayer Song "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4) Hymnal #221

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

*Hymn "We Three Kings" (verses 1-4) Hymnal #254

Sermon "Those Who Dream...persevere" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn "A Star Shone Bright" W&S #3051

Offering/Offerory

Prayer of Dedication

God of Light, we have been illuminated by the glory of your presence and enlightened by the word of your grace. We see and have become radiant with your love. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts for service in the world. May we be beacons of love and justice in a darkened world, shining your light on the poor and needy, the victims of oppression and violence, and all living in dark places in need of your light. Amen.

Announcements

*Affirmation of Faith/Benediction

Leader: We believe in God:

People: Who came to this earth as a child, was born to unmarried teenage parents, and was quickly made a refugee. We believe that this child grew up to heal the sick, see the poor, dine with outcasts, welcome foreigners, wash the feet of sinners, offer second chances, and bless the children.

Leader: As so we believe that Christmas is only the beginning.

People: The dream does not end with a manger. The dream ends with God's promised day.

Leader: So, until all God's children are home,

ALL: WE WILL FOLLOW THE MAGI'S LEAD – WALKING, SEEKING, AND LOOKING UP. MAY IT BE SO, FOR THIS WE BELIEVE. AMEN.

*Hymn "We Three Kings" (verse 5) Hymnal #254

Postlude

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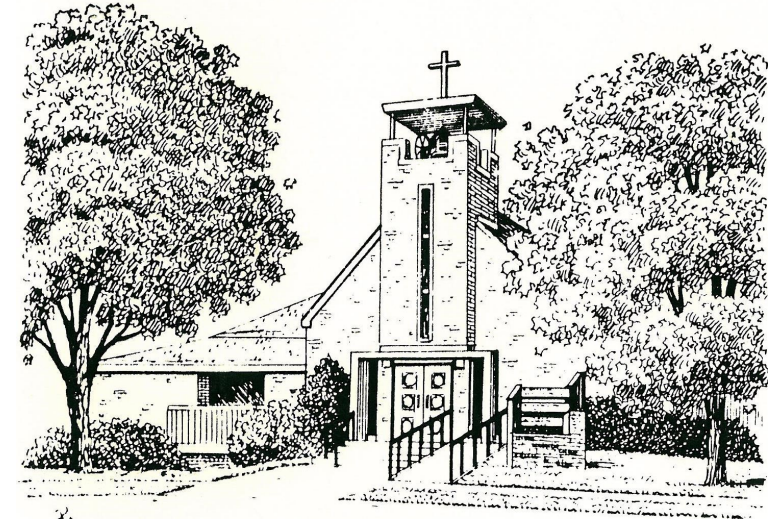
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This Week:

Monday, Jan. 9	9:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Narcotics Anonymous (F. Hall) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Jan. 10	11:30am 7:00pm	United Women in Faith Lunch Outing Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Jan. 11	8:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity 7th/8th Confirmation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Jan. 12	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Jan. 15	9:30am 10:30am	Worship/Live-Stream Sunday School (after worship)