



*They saw the child  
with his mother Mary, and  
they bowed down  
and worshiped him.*

*Matthew 2:11*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **“The Search” Second Sunday after Christmas Dr. Ric Neese, Pastor**

January 2, 2005

Ten o'clock

Good Morning!

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness . . . know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence . . . it is God who has made us.

Sing with delight . . . it is God who hears. Speak with conviction . . . there is no other God.

Depart in peace . . . it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy . . . it is your gift to God!

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Silent Prayer** — We invite you to warmly greet one another until the service music begins; then please observe the discipline of silent prayer to prepare to worship God.

#### **Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship**

**Prelude**

*Star of the East*  
Estle Harlan, Organist

Amanda Kennedy

**Choral Introit**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Bateman/arr. Carr



*Come, Christians, join to sing*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice,*

*Before His throne rejoice;*

*Praise is His gracious choice;*

*Alleluia! Amen!*

**Welcome and Church Family News:** If you are a member, friend of the church or a guest today, please PRINT your name, address, and phone number in the registration book.

We invite you to join us for coffee, refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship hour.

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

MEDITATION —What a wonderful gift when the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us! As Ecclesiastes reminds us, “That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by” (3:20). Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be. It is a comforting thought to realize that God’s presence, “Emmanuel,” abides with us as God’s grace, mercy, and strength continue to embrace us in all that we do.  
. . . . James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Merv Nerling

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Jeremiah 31

Chuck Stanford, Worship Leader

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away.

**People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;  
they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.**

Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

**People: For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*SONGS AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

*All who are able are invited to stand*

*As with Gladness Men of Old #63*

Verses 1 & 4 — **All** sing; Verse 2 — **Women** sing

Verse 3 — **Men** sing

*We Three Kings of Orient Are #66*

Verses 1 & 5 — **All** sing

Verse 2 — **Women** sing

Verse 3 — **Men** sing

Verse 4 — **Choir** sings

**All** on the refrain

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight you have made known to us the mystery of your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory.**

## MOMENTS FOR SILENT REFLECTION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, we were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. In this promise lies our assurance, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Congregational Response**     *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*     Wesley/Mendelssohn

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,

Born that we no more may die.

Born to raise us from the earth,

Born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Everett & Sally Cutter    II    Bob & Carol Lind    II    Marlin & Laurel Nelson

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*The Light Still Shines*

Natalie Sleeth

Chapel by the Sea Choir

Myron Johnston, Director

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 page 956 in the pew Bible

### SERMON

“The Search”

Pastor Ric Neese

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright #68*

**Choir** sings: verse 1; **All** sing: verses 2, 3 & 4

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table — Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread — Pouring of the Cup — Communion of the People

## IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD WE OFFER OURSELVES WITH OUR GIFTS

### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER & GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**As in Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to your purpose, O God, we seek to live now for the praise of your glory. Accept these gifts we bring as symbols of our renewed commitment to Christ’s will for our lives. Use them to enhance your kingdom beyond the walls of this sanctuary and bring a sense of your presence to all that they benefit. Make us ever mindful of those who are needy and more diligent in our use of the means of your grace. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

*Come Unto Him*

G. F. Handel

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Angels We Have Heard on High #23*

French carol

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,

And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION and *THE LORD'S PRAYER* (page 16 in the Hymnal)

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Amen*

Dresden

## WE GO OUT TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

**\*\*Benediction Song**

*Joy to the World! #40*

Watts/Handel

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

\*POSTLUDE

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following today's service.

Worship aids from James G. Kirk, *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship for Years A, B, and C*  
(Louisville: The Geneva Press, 2001), pp. 19-20.



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The Reverend Mr. James A. McAllister, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor's Office Hours—

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to noon

Other times gladly by appointment

## This Week's Volunteers & Church Staff are —

**WORSHIP LEADER** — Chuck Stanford

**GREETER** —

**REFRESHMENTS** — Ric & Nancy Neese

**FLOWERS** — Merv & Marcia Nerling

**NURSERY** —

**CLEANING** — Ric & Nancy Neese

**MINISTERS OF MUSIC** — Nita Arant & Myron Johnston

**ORGANIST/PIANIST** — Estle Harlan & Roberta Porter

**CHURCH SECRETARY** — Anne Ladd

**HEAD USHER** — Bill Porter

**PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR** — Lori Hanson (764-4166)

**COMMUNION SERVERS** — Ray & Inge McGowan and Arlene Walls



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH SERVICE

Openings available for church cleaning  
in the New Year

Sign up on the sheet in the narthex

All materials and instructions supplied

Questions: See Chuck Stanford



Please assist the Deacons by donating hotel size toiletries for gift bags to be delivered in January to the Food Pantry and My Sister's Place.

These items can also be purchased at Bi-Mart or Rite-Aid. Inexpensive tooth brushes and small size paste would also be helpful.



## What is Per Capita?

**P**er Capita is a charge levied by the Presbytery for each active member of the congregation, and provides a means for Presbyterians to pay administrative and ecclesiastical expenses. It has been a part of our funding history for over 150 years.

The funds raised through per capita for the Presbytery pay for the administrative budget which includes:

- ⌘ Compensation for the Stated Clerk of Presbytery of the Cascades
- ⌘ Meeting expenses for Presbytery Council and committee meetings
- ⌘ Annual consultations for Candidates-under Care with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (including travel expenses for seminary students required to attend these meetings)
- ⌘ Background checks on prospective ministers
- ⌘ Telephone, postage, office space rental, equipment & maintenance, office supplies and printing, the audit of the Presbytery finances, insurance, legal fees and the Presbytery directory
- ⌘ The per capita portion for Synod and General Assembly helps Commissioners from large and small churches to attend General Assembly

**P**er capita provides essential services. Our per capita this year is **\$21.04** per active member (\$5.57 for General Assembly, \$5.17 for Synod of the Pacific, and \$10.30 for Presbytery of the Cascades), and is due by the end of January. Please consider writing a check to Chapel by the Sea for each church member in your household to cover this expense, and drop it in the offering plate.

Please mark the check to indicate it is to be used for per capita. Thank you!