

*We saw
his star in
the east and
have come to
worship him.*



Matthew 2:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“You Just Missed the Messiah!” The Epiphany of Our Lord Dr. Ric Neese, Pastor

January 7, 2007

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 *Prelude* begins — then please observe the discipline of silent prayer to prepare to worship God.

Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Prelude

Ring the Bells

Harry Bollback

Estle Harlan, Organist

Congregational Introit

As with Gladness Men of Old #63

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;

As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;

So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,

There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;

So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;

So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.



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 following the worship hour.

*Those who are able are invited to stand

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

MEDITATION — The heavens proclaim a birth in Bethlehem. Following a star, three Magi journey to see what has occurred. They carry with them gifts appropriate to a ruler: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Upon arrival at the scene, they observe a mother and child, God's heavenly glory on earth to bring light to the nations. Proclaiming God's praise, they fall down and worship. The radiance of God's love evokes wonder and awe. James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Bob Lind

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 60
Francia Koehn, Worship Assistant

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around;
sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**People: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD

*SONGS AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

All who are able are invited to stand

We Three Kings of Orient Are #66

Verses 1, 4 & 5 — **All** sing

Verse 2 — **Women** sing

Verse 3 — **Men** sing

All on the refrain

Angels, from the Realms of Glory #22

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways.

MOMENTS FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See Psalm 72:1-7

Leader: God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent. Like “rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth,” God’s goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem. Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God’s mercy and assurance of pardon.

Congregational Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #37*

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Star of Bethlehem
Jim Kuoni, Guitar

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

Isaiah 60:1-6, page 738 in the pew Bible
Matthew 2:1-12, page 956 in the pew Bible

SERMON

“You Just Missed the Messiah”

Pastor Ric Neese

*HYMN OF RESPONSE — *Guide my Feet #354*

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

O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ’s teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Star of the East

A. Kennedy

*DOXOLOGY

Joy to the World! #40

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.

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

WE GO OUT TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

**Benediction Song

Joy to the World! #40

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*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. 21-22.



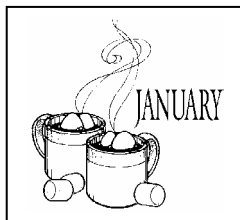
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The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Neese, Pastor
The Reverend Mr. James A. McAllister, Pastor Emeritus
Pastor's Office Hours—

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to noon
Other times gladly by appointment



9 Session — 7 p.m. @ the church

28 Annual Congregational Meeting

This Week's Volunteers & Church Staff are —

WORSHIP LEADER — Francia Koehn

GREETERS — Bob & Carol Lind

REFRESHMENTS — Sally & Everett Cutter

FLOWERS — Christmas Poinsettias

CLEANING — John & Barbara Elliott

MINISTER OF MUSIC — Nita Arant

ORGANISTS — Jeannine Jordan & Estle Harlan

PIANISTS — Estle Harlan, David Jordan & Roberta Porter

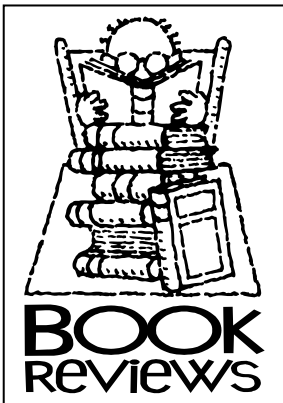
CHURCH SECRETARY — Sandy Johnston

HEAD USHER — Bill Porter

PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR — Lori Hanson (764-4166)

OFFERING COUNTERS — Parmelee Perry

COMMUNION SERVERS — Myron & Sandy Johnston and Barbara Elliott



Books by-the-Sea

Will meet at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 11 in the Session Room

Nancy Neese will lead the discussion on

Marley and Me by John Grogan

A special guest will make an appearance

Discussion questions for this book are available in the church library

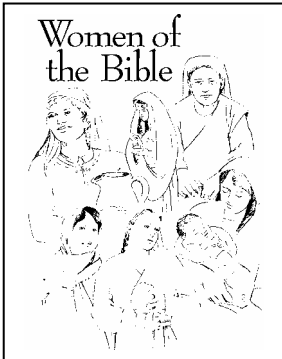
Everyone interested in this discussion is welcome to join the gathering

For more info, please call Barb Elliott @ 994-2130 or Roberta Porter @ 764-2795

Daytimers Bible Study Resumes

What: *“REALLY BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE”*

When: Three Fridays at 10:00 A.M.



January 19: Herodias: “Bad & Proud of It”

January 26: Jael: “Bad for Good Reason”

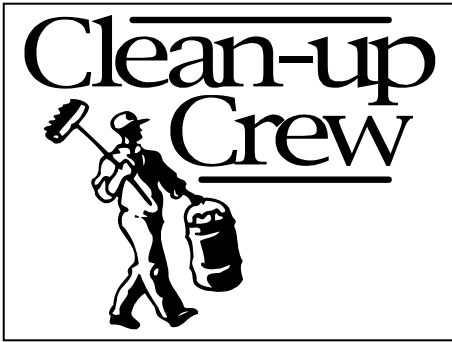
February 2: The Medium of En Dor:
“Bad Moon Rising”

Where: Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church

Who: Anyone (bad girls and good girls) is invited.
Bring your friends and neighbors, too.

Why: To learn more of God’s word in a friendly,
relaxed setting. Come, join the fellowship.

What else: For questions
or to suggest a better meeting time,
call Dee Ann Bogue at 764-3528



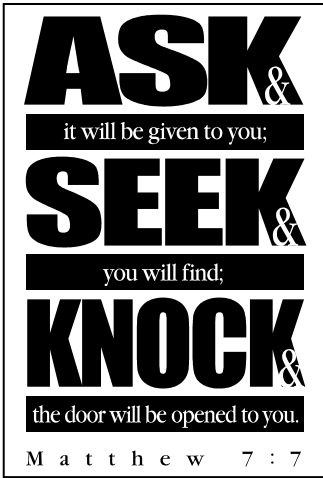
Thank you to our volunteers who clean the church each week as a part of their stewardship for the benefit of members and friends who worship and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Couples, combinations of singles, etc. are invited to participate on a monthly basis for about two hours a week.

Instructions and cleaning materials are provided. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex.

Cleaning Crews for 2007

January	Pete & Dee Ann Bogue
February	Dick & Marilyn Foster
March	
April	Ric & Nancy Neese
May	Marlin & Chris Smythe
June	
July	
August	Chuck & Deanna Stanford
September	Nancy Boerema & Kriss Hoffman
October	
November	
December	John & Barb Elliott



Immediately following today's worship service, an elder of the church will be available in the session room to meet with anyone to assist with these needs —

- ❖ Pray with those who feel led by God's Spirit to dedicate/rededicate their lives as followers of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Pray with you about special needs in your life or for the concerns of family members and friends

- ❖ Provide information regarding the mission and ministry of Chapel by the Sea
- ❖ Provide information about New Member/Inquiry Classes for those who desire to join the ministry and fellowship of Chapel by the Sea

If you have special requests or concerns to share with the pastor, please note them below. Fold this sheet and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Neese following the service.

Name (optional) _____