



WASHINGTON  
STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the gift of the Christ Child  
Washington Street UMC ~ Sanctuary

January 3, 2021

Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance  
Louis Shirer, organ

Paul Manz

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

*You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to light a candle with us and to share in the carols and prayers as we celebrate The Epiphany.*

CAROL 248

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

PERSONET HODIE

(vs. 1, 3, 4)

1. On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.  
*Refrain: Ideo-o-o, ideo-o-o, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*
3. God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.  
*(Refrain)*
4. On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.  
*(Refrain)*

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; trans. Jane M. Joseph

Music: Melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Gustav Holst, 1925

OPENING PRAYER

**God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star you led wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt  
WSUMC Chancel Choir  
Louis Shirer, organ; Dr. Dwight Dockery, conductor  
*Recorded at WSUMC on 12/24/19*

Carl Schalk

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

### CAROL 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
*Refrain:* O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.  
*(Refrain)*
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.  
*(Refrain)*
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
*(Refrain)*
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.  
*(Refrain)*

Words and Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857  
*Recorded at WSUMC on 1/5/20*

### PROCLAMATION

“After Christmas”

### PRAYER OF RESPONSE

### CAROL 235

Rock-a-bye, My Dear Little Boy

ROCKING

1. Rock-a-bye, my dear little boy, dear little boy,  
wonder of wonders, my blessing and joy;  
slumber as I gently hold you, let my tender love enfold you;  
gift of God to me and the world, here in my arms lies so peacefully curled.
2. Little Jesus, Infant Divine, Infant Divine,  
one with the Father, yet born to be mine;  
as I rock you calmly sleeping, angel guards their watch are keeping;  
precious child, one day we shall see what love has destined for you and for me.

Shelley Maddox, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Czech carol; trans. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1987; Music: Czech carol; collected by Martin Shaw, 1928

## BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE      Go, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Go, all ye faithful! All who know the Savior.  
Carry the message far beyond these walls.  
Hold forth the Christ-light, conquer every darkness.  
Go forth, O church of Jesus! Proclaim the One who frees us!  
Speak peace! Reach out in mercy, in kindness and love.

Karly Shorter, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. Frederic Oakeley, 1841, and others

Music: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*, 1792

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