

CALENDAR

Sun.	Dec. 10, 2017	10AM Worship- 2nd Sunday of Advent 11AM-5PM Sunday School Coat Drive (K,FH)
Tues.	Dec. 12, 2017	1-2PM Prayer Time (S) 5-8:30PM Tai Chi (FH)
Wed.	Dec. 13, 2017	9:30-11:30AM Crafty Ladies (21) 4-9PM UMW Christmas Communion Dinner
Thur.	Dec. 14, 2017	5-8:30PM Tai Chi (FH)
Sat.	Dec. 16, 2017	9AM-12:30PM Tai Chi (FH) 4-6PM Living Nativity
Sun.	Dec. 17, 2017	10AM Worship- 3rd Sunday of Advent 3-5PM Cub Scouts (FH,K) 6-7PM Girl Scouts (FH)

Pastor: Rick Rabe
 Today's Liturgist: Claire Carocci
 Organist: William O'Neill
 Sexton: Dave Barnes
 Secretary: Caroline Protono

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Epiphany Sunday
 January 7, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Call to Worship

(adapted from "There came three kings, ere break of day")

The star shone brightly overhead,

The air was calm and still!

O'er Bethlehem's fields its rays were shed,

The dew lay on the hill.

We see no throne, no palace fair, Where is the King?

Oh where? Oh Where?

A babe lay in the stall. The starlight played on the infant brow.

Deep silence lay o'er all.

A maiden bent o'er the Babe in prayer

There is the King! O there! O There!

*Gathering Hymn

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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Invitation Prayer

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus. Shine in our lives.

Shine in the Word now read and proclaimed, and we, children of your light, shining for all people, will follow. **Amen**

Bringing and Blessing of the Gifts

(please bring your Epiphany Gifts to the Alter)

Children's message

*Hymn

"What Child Is This"

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Musical Selection

A Time of Prayer and Meditation

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6

*Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message "Gifts"

Pastor Rick Rabe

Offering and prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (communion) UMH pages 9 - 11

All are welcome to receive, Methodist serve grape juice

*Closing Hymn

"Star Child"

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*Benediction

*Postlude

(* Let those who are able stand to the glory of God. **Bold** print is read in unison.)

Resources used for this service include:

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