

**GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**JANUARY 3, 2020**

**PRELUDE:** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” Christopher Uehlein

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Raymond Haan

**WELCOME:** Rev. Jim Pazan

**Call to Worship:** Jeannie Cavender, CRE

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “We Three Kings”

Marilyn Gross, Kathryn McFadden, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

**Verse 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 night

Star with royal beauty bright

Westward leading still proceeding

Guide us to Thy perfect light

**Verse 2**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain

Gold I bring to crown Him again

King forever ceasing never

Over us all to reign

**Verse 3**

Frankincense to offer have I

Incense owns a Deity nigh

Prayer and praising all men raising

Worship Him God on high

**Verse 4**

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume

Breathes a life of gathering gloom

Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying

Sealed in the stone cold tomb

**Verse 5**

Glorious now behold Him arise

King and God and sacrifice

Alleluia alleluia

Peals through the earth and skies

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** Jeannie Cavender, CRE

**SONG OF RESPONSE:** “Star of Christmas”

Don Davis, Anne Lawler, Kris Warner

**Refrain**

What a light did shine, it's the star of Christmas.

A morning we'll all remember.

And how the sun came up on that Christmas morn;

the day Jesus Christ was born

And if the angels ask, Do you believe?”

Just tell them, “Yes, I will receive.”

And how the sun came up on that Christmas morn;  
the day Jesus Christ was born.

**Verse 1**

See the joy on the children's faces.  
Just let the light of Christmas light up the darkest places.  
And if there's someone left to forgive.  
This is the season to let love live, let love live!

**Refrain**

**Verse 2**

Oh, what a light! I can see it shining.  
Oh, what a light! Shine to let Love known.  
Oh, what a light!  
It's the star of Christmas  
and it's guiding me my way back home.

**Refrain**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be

born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**MESSAGE:** "With God's Guidance" Rev. Jim Pazan

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" David Cherwien

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Jeannie Cavender, CRE

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: "As With Gladness Men of Old"**

Marilyn Gross, Kathryn McFadden, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

**Verse 1**

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 your splendour see

**Verse 2**

As with joyful steps they sped  
Saviour to your lowly bed  
There to bend the knee before  
You whom heaven and earth adore  
So with ever quickening pace  
May we seek your throne of grace

**Verse 3**

As they offered gifts most rare  
At your cradle plain and bare  
So may we with holy joy  
Pure and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring  
Christ to you our heavenly king

**Verse 4**

Holy Jesus every day  
Keep us in the narrow way  
And when earthly things are past  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide  
Where no clouds your glory hide

**BENEDICTION:**

Rev. Jim Pazan

**Postlude:** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Michael Burkhardt

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