

***HYMN 151** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
William Cutter

Coming Soon....

For our Visitors

Did you know that we have Godly Play / Children's Church available for children age 3 through 3rd Grade, during Worship Service? Children are welcome to attend after the "Time with Children" in the Worship Service. We also have a Nursery available for children under age 3.

Youth Group

Mondays, 3:00–5:15pm

You never know what Trinity will have in store for WRPC kids after school on Mondays! You know, it's going to be something fun!

WRPC Blessing Box

1401 Prospect Drive

Drive by and check out our Blessing Box! Is it empty? Is it full? Either way, bring an item or two to put in our blessing box!

Non-perishable food items or hygiene items. Feminine products, particularly, are always needed.

The cold weather is here so gloves and hats are great ideas too! This box is always open for receiving and giving!

Communion

Sunday, January 9

Join us during our in-person and online Worship Service Sunday for Communion. Individual Fellowship Cups with juice and wafer provided for in-person Communion. For online worship, just provide your own bread and juice or wine and let's break bread together.

SMILE for January

January is the month for donating baby equipment! Items needed include swings, cribs, bouncy seats, etc.

Mini Mission Grants

A couple of reminders...

Grant requests can be made by individuals, including youth and children (requests by youth under 18 years of age will require the signature of an adult who is actively involved in the life of WRPC).

Sunday School classes or other small groups can work together to submit a request.

The suggested minimum for a request is \$50.

Mini-Mission Grant request forms and instruction sheets can be picked up in the Narthex. If you would prefer to have an electronic request form, please send an email to Karen Carman at kcarman@charter.net.

WRPC Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/2	9:45am Sunday School Preschool through Grade 12 – ZOOM 11:00am Sunday Worship Service / 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering (<i>Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102</i>)
Tuesday 1/4	11:00am Staff Meeting, GS
Wednesday 1/5	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 1/7	10:00am Food Pantry, FH

WRPC Staff

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Organist | Susan Whipple

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Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship

January 2, 2022, 11:00 am

1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664 423.247.5121 www.waverlyroadpc.org

Welcome to our Visitors

This church welcomes all who come within its walls or within its influence. Whatever the reason for you being here today, we hope that you find light, peace, direction and friendship.

If you would like more information about Waverly Road Presbyterian or if you are interested in becoming a member, you can fill out one of the yellow cards placed behind the pews, contact our minister at 423.247.5121, or visit our website at www.waverlyroadpc.org.

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format:

*When you see **bold italics**, we all read aloud together.*

*An * invites those who are able to stand.*

TIME OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Then Shall Your Light Break Forth"
Patricia Lou Harris

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

***HYMN 150** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to stumble in dimness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retributions. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

Let us walk with Christ to bring healing to our world.

Alleluia, AMEN!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade may now be dismissed to attend

Godly Play (Children's Church) in Room 102.

ANTHEM "The Snow Lay on the Ground" William Cutter
Phyllis Wine, soprano

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-18

SERMON

"Unmasked"

Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

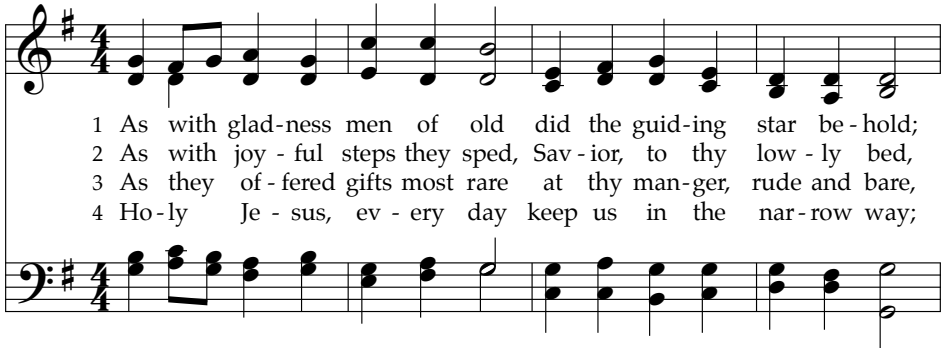
MISSION MOMENT

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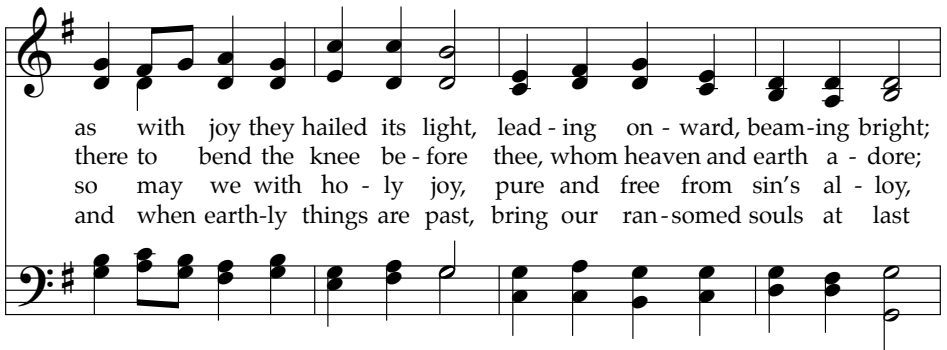
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We too offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless these offerings as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Jesus Christ. AMEN.

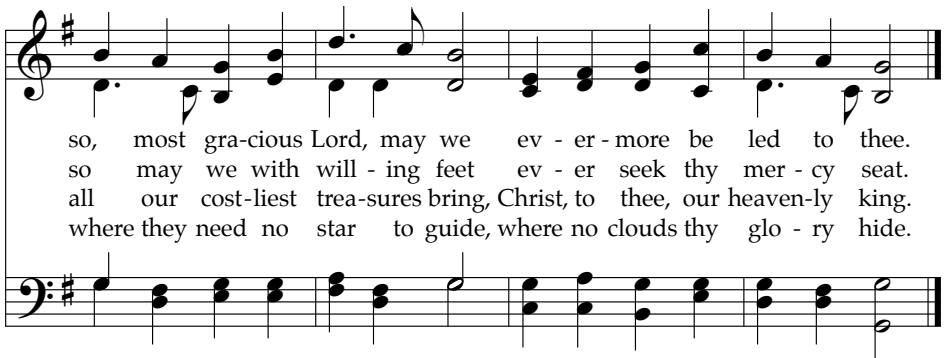
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;




as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last





so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.


151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.


Refrain


O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,




west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.