

When they saw the star,
they rejoiced exceedingly
with great **joy.**



Matthew 2:10

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First United Methodist Church, Tallassee is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, by connecting people to the Word of God and engaging them in ministry here and throughout the world.

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11:00 a.m. Worship
January 7, 2018
Epiphany Sunday - White

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander* Leslye Ames

Invocation

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* **103**

***Responsive Reading** **Psalm 72**

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Leader: Let the mountains bring prosperity to the people, and the hills the fruit of righteousness!

People: May he defend the cause of the poor among the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!

Leader: May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations!

People: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth!

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen. *means universal*

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn of Preparation *We Three Kings* **254 (v.1&5)**

Children's Moment
(Children age 4 – 2nd grade will be escorted to Children's Church)

Offertory *O Gentle Savior* (McCartha) Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion **UMH 12**

Communion rail offerings go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help local residents in need.

***Scripture** **Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon *The Star* **Rev. Dric Williford**

***Hymn of Invitation** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **206 (v.1&3)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *March of the Three Kings* Leslye Ames

* stand as you are able

Lay Reader: Jeannine Parker