

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

December 31, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

WELCOME

Tony Pappas

CALL TO WORSHIP

"It is I, Jesus, who am the bright morning star." —Revelation 22:16

**HYMN

The First Nowell

#124

WORDS OF PRAISE (Congregation reads bold type) from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord; praise God from the heights.

Praise God all you angels.

Praise God sun and moon.

Praise God all you shining stars.

Let all praise the Name of the Lord.

God's glory is above the earth and fills the heavens!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lord, we praise You for providing us the lessons in the story of the Wise Men.

We thank you for their resolve to find the Christ child through tremendous inconvenience.

We are glad to be reminded to worship You who alone are worthy of our worship.

We see the example of sacrificial giving.

And we note that after encountering the Messiah, their lives were changed, and their path rerouted.

May it be so with us, too, Lord! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using 'sins')

**THE GLORIA PATRI

(#705)

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:1-6 (Pew Bible NT p. 2)

Wise men came from the East, asking "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star?"

*** All who are able, please stand*

**HYMN

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

#138

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:7-11 (Pew Bible NT p. 2)

When they saw that the star had stopped [over the place where the child was], they were overwhelmed with joy!

SERMON

Tony Pappas

The Sages and the Slave-Boy

Time for Reflection

**HYMN

We Three Kings

#151

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Cameron Greenlee

**THE DOXOLOGY

(#706)

**PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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**BENEDICTION