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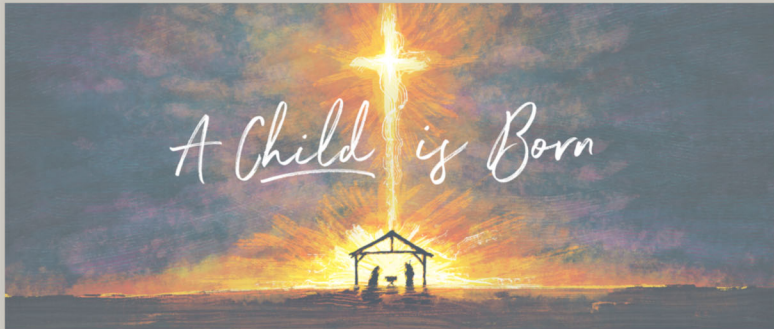
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Ministers: All Members /
Pastor: Randy Thomas
3rd Sunday of Advent – Purple
December 13, 2020



HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent.....Eduardo Rivera
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte
Children's Service Leader.....
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas
Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

December 13, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy To The World #246

PRAYER

HYMN

There's A Song In The Air # 249

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

HYMN

We Three Kings # 254

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

MESSAGE

GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN

By Pastor Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN THE CHURCH

Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.
Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you
bulletin, and place it in the offering.

GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." ³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ *'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'*" ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I. THE TIME OF HIS BIRTH—AN AMAZING PROPHECY

*Decree to rebuild walls was March 14, 445 BC.

Daniel 9:24-26 (AMP)

²⁴ Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish *and* put an end to transgression, to seal up *and* make full the measure of sin, to purge away *and* make expiation *and* reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy *and* prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Anointed One, a Prince, shall be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it shall be built again with [city] square and moat, but in troublous times. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks [of years] shall the Anointed One be cut off *or* killed and shall have nothing [and no one] belonging to [and defending] Him. And the people of the [other] prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood; and even to the end there shall be war, and desolations are decreed.

*Three periods of seventy sevens or weeks which totals 490 years.

*First period is 7 sevens or 49 years rebuilding the walls which happened.

*Second period is 483 years at the end of which the Messiah will die or be crucified.

*Sir Robert Anderson computed from March 14, 445 BC date that the Messiah would be crucified April 6, AD 32.

*The wise men probably knew this prophecy and Balaam's prophecy about a star.

Numbers 24:17 (AMP)

I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but He is not near. A star (Star) shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter (Scepter) shall rise out of Israel and shall crush all the corners of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth [Moab's sons of tumult].

II. THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES

Matthew 2:11 (NLT2)

They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down

and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Wise men fell down and worshipped Him, the Creator of the universe, this is God.

*Answers in Genesis Christmas Card illustration.

John 1:1-3 (NLT2)

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

III. THE GIFTS THEY GAVE

***Gold, the Gift for a King.**

Matthew 2:2 (NLT2)

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

Revelation 19:16 (NLT2)

On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. One practical thought. The idol that troubles people most often today is gold or money.

* Sam Houston illustration

2. Frankincense, the Sweet Odor of Prayer and Praise for Deity.

*It was only used in worship of God.

*The lesson for us is that we should fall on our faces and declare Jesus is God.

3. Myrrh, the Bitter Spice shows faith in the Savior.

*Myrrh represents that we put our trust in the Savior who suffered and died for us.

John 19:39-40 (NLT2)

³⁹ With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. ⁴⁰ Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus’ body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth.

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT2)

⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

NOTES:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

I will attend this sermon series.

I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering.

Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Matthew 2:2 (NLT2)

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

Announcements

⇒ Happy Birthday:

Brooklyn Chard December 15th

Omar Colomo (AT) December 17th

David Chard December 22nd

Carlos Vasquez December 23rd

Victor Gene Robbins December 27th

Anthony May December 29th

EJ Vazquez December 31st

Melba Ward December 31st

Dean Ward January 1st

- ⇒ Please bring your Angel Tree gift to the office by Thursday December 17th.
- ⇒ The Church office is only open Monday and Thursday from 9-12 and 1-3. All calls and emails will be answered throughout the week between 8-5.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ Our Food Bank is in need of donations of dry and canned goods. We still have enough for those in need. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays and Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,550.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....16
Online Views (as of Thursday).....23

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland who
have continuing health
issues,
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.
Kay Magee.
Denna Sadler.
Sara Borden.
Melba Ward.

Sylvia Thomas.
Eva Gail Abington.
Shawn Beeles who has
melanoma behind an eye.
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.
Brett Magee recently had
knee surgery.

