

**W**e open here our treasure and our gifts,  
and some of it is gold,  
and some is frankincense,  
and some is myrrh;  
for some have come from plenty,  
some from joy,  
and some from deepest sorrow of the soul.  
But you, O God, will know  
the gift of love,  
our pledge of peace,  
our promise of good will.  
Accept the gift,  
and all the life we bring.  
Amen.



*Author Unknown*

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## **Sunday Worship**

### **Edmonds United Methodist Church**

*January 6, 2008~Epiphany Sunday*

- The prelude and the texts on the screens are intended to lead us into worship.*
- Please complete attendance registration cards and prayer request cards to be passed on with the offering after Celebrating & Tending our Children.*
- Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

#### **Prelude**

Two Settings of "We Three Kings." Janet Linker; Gordon Young.  
Wanda Griffiths, Organist.

## **The Community Gathers**

**Greeting~Pastor Kathlyn James**

#### **Call to Worship**

- Pastor: The magi came from many places, following a star.  
People: **We come to worship, and the star sheds light upon our lives.**  
Pastor: The magi brought gifts to offer the child.  
People: **We, too, bring gifts: our hopes, our dreams...ourselves.**  
Pastor: Shepherds and magi, the meek and the mighty;  
all were welcome in Bethlehem.  
People: **We, too, are welcomed,  
and ushered into the presence of God.**

**\* Processional Hymn**  
#254 “We Three Kings”

**Congregation:** 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 light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

**Soloist:** Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain,  
gold I bring, to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

**Congregation:** (refrain) O star of wonder...

**Soloist:** Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high.

**Congregation:** (refrain) O star of wonder...

**Soloist:** Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone cold tomb.

**Congregation:** (refrain) O star of wonder...

**All:** Glorious now, behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies!  
(refrain) O, star of wonder...

## The Church Family

### **Celebrating and Tending Our Children~Pastor Marta Schellberg**

#### **\* Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Pastor:** The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all,

**People:** and also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us stand and greet one another with signs of friendship  
and love.

*Please greet the people around you with a handbake or a hug. You may want to use the  
traditional words, “Peace be with you” to which the response is “and also with you.”*

#### **Making Our Offering to God**

*Please register your attendance and completed prayer request cards and place them in the  
offering plate with your gift as the ushers pass by.*

#### **Greeting Our Guests & “Beyond Sunday Morning”**

*After you have received communion, you are invited to take a prayer card from the baskets held by acolytes in both outside aisles. You may wish to use these prayers for the world in your personal devotions this week.*

### **Hymns During Communion**

#245 "The First Noel"

#237 "Sing We Now of Christmas" vss. 1, 4 & 5

#206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### **Response to the Light of Epiphany**

"Set the Sun Dancing!" Words by Shirley Erena Murray, inspired by Matthew 5:14-16; Music by Helen Kemp Hallelujah Blues Choir

## **The Close of Worship**

### **\*Hymn**

"Let Your Light Shine" —sing twice. Words and music by Ruth Ann Parish, from Matthew 5:16. Used with permission

Let your light shine before others so they may know  
our God of love's in the land;

Let your light shine before others so they may know  
the Kingdom of God is at hand.

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Hymn**

"Let Your Light Shine" —sing twice

### **Postlude**

"Trio I" from Six Trios for Organ. E. Friedrich Richter. "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" (How Lovely Shines the Morning Star). You may see the text in our hymnal #247.



*Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of  
Barb Shauermann's mother, Rose Buntin, on the 25th anniversary  
of her passing.*

- *Following worship, someone will be available to pray with you for God's healing, direction, and wisdom in your life. You are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary near the west window.*
- *Help us care for God's creation: please recycle your bulletin in the baskets provided at the back of the sanctuary.*
- *If you're new this morning, we're glad you're here! Please join us for fellowship time in the Wesley Room, to the southwest of the sanctuary, after each service. If you need help with directions, ask any usher.*

**\*Doxology: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

Hymnal #234, (refrain)

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

## Scripture Reading and Message

**\* Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12**

(9:00) Dennis Campbell (10:30) Jim Hammond

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Christ Jesus!

**Anthem**

"Star of Wonder" Words by John H. Hopkins, Jr. and William C. Dix; Music arr. by Kevin Keil. Chancel Choir. Accompanied by Piano, Guitar, Flute and Cello.

**Prayer of Preparation: Psalm 19: 14**

Pastor: May the words of my mouth,

People: and the meditation of our hearts

All: be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock  
and our Redeemer. Amen.

**Sermon**

"The Work of Christmas" ~Pastor Kathlyn James

## Holy Communion

**Sung Response**

"Love Came Down at Christmas" #242

**The Great Thanksgiving~Pastors Serena Sullivan & Kathlyn James**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, Creator and Sovereign of the universe...today, with your people in all ages, and the whole creation, we join in the chorus of unending praise, singing:

People: (singing refrain to "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
hymnal 238)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*All Christians are invited to receive Communion in our church.*

*If you cannot come forward, inform an usher, and you will be served at your seat.*

*Communion will be served today by intinction. Take the bread as it is offered to you, dip it into the cup and eat.*

*A "gluten-free" bread option is available. Please tell the server of your needs.*

*Please Pray for:*

To protect the privacy of those on our prayer list, their names will not be published on the website. Church members may pick up a prayer list on any Sunday during worship services.

## Today at EUMC

<hr/> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <hr/> Worship Service - Sanctuary Nursery care for infants through age 2. Sunday school for ages 3 through 6th Grade	<hr/> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <hr/> Coffee Hour- Wesley Room
<hr/> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <hr/> Coffee Hour- Wesley Room	<hr/> <b>11:45 a.m.</b> <hr/> Epiphany Party! Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
<hr/> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <hr/> Worship Service - Sanctuary Nursery care for infants through age 2. Sunday school for ages 3 through Sr. High.	<hr/> <b>5:30-7:00 p.m.</b> <hr/> Jr. High Youth Group, Youth Hall.
	<hr/> <b>6:30-8:00 p.m.</b> <hr/> Sr. High Youth Group, Youth Hall.

## Assisting in Worship

Altar: Altar Committee;

Memorial Flowers: Linda Maki

Acolytes: (9:00) Corinne Jaquith,  
Angela Molloy (10:30) Kara Lyons-  
Hammond, Jason Smarr

Coffee Hour Hosts: (9:00) Michelle  
Ehl (10:30) Pam & Jack Roben

Data Projection: (9:00) Alex Marshall  
(10:30) Mary Van Meter

Front Desk: Valerie Thayer

Sound: (9:00) Ken Pickle  
(10:30) A.P. Van Meter

Usher Coordinator: Preston Dickson

Head Usher: (9:00) Gerry Kelley  
(10:30) Bob French

Ushers: (9:00) Marv Meidinger, Hal  
Rowe, Thomas Horgan (10:30) Del  
Campbell, Charles Townsend, Shaun  
Gleim, Jeff Smarr

Van: Tom Young

Visitor Flowers: Chris McCroskey

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**for both Beyond Sunday Morning and Guidelights.**  
**BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING** is published weekly. Articles of 50 words or less should be submitted to: [letitiat@edmondsumc.org](mailto:letitiat@edmondsumc.org) (Letitia)  
**GUIDELIGHTS** is published bi-weekly. The deadline for the next issue is **January 13th**. Articles of 300 words or less should be submitted to: [shirleyb@edmondsumc.org](mailto:shirleyb@edmondsumc.org) (Shirley)

#### **AFTER-HOURS PASTORAL CARE**

*One of our pastors will be carrying a pager with them after regular office hours. If you have an emergency (accident, death) you may dial (206) 975-1914. This number will allow you to leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. When you hang up, a pastor will be paged immediately.*

#### **RED ATTENDANCE FOLDERS**

*Please register your attendance by filling out the slip and passing the folder down the row. When it has reached the end of the row you may pass it back to the middle aisle. Someone on either end of the row should take out the attendance slips and hand them to the usher during offering. By filling out the attendance slips, you help us to contact new visitors and tend to our members.*

#### **SERMON TAPES/CDS**

*Sermon tapes and CDs are in the Library. You may sign them out any time the church Library is open. We ask that you not interrupt any meetings that may be taking place and that you only keep them for 3 days so that others may hear them.*

#### **OUR WEBSITE**

*On our website, you will find all sorts of useful information to keep you connected to EUMC: a copy of the weekly service bulletin; a copy of Beyond Sunday Morning; an MP3 file of the weekly sermon; a copy of our bi-weekly newsletter, the Guidelights; and much, much more information about the happenings at EUMC. Updated weekly.*

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#### **Ministers: All of us!**

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Kathlyn James  
(ext 18) and Rev. Marta Schellberg  
(ext. 19)

Pastor of Congregational Care: Rev.  
Serena Sullivan (ext. 28)

Director of Adult Spiritual  
Formation: June Jackson (ext. 27)

Director of Music & Arts/  
Organist: Stephen Marshall-Ward  
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