

Matawan United Methodist Church

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Epiphany Sunday

You're invited to write your prayer requests on the card inside the bulletin. These will be collected by the ushers after the sermon. If you wish, include your name.

Gathering and Songs of Praise

*"Mighty to Save" - "Here I Am to Worship"
"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

10:00 Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: "We Three Kings" 254 vv. 1 to 4

***Opening Prayer** (Also Projected)

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.

Prayers from the Lectionary

***Prayer of Confession**

***Sharing the Peace:** "The Family of God"

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6

Praise: "The Snow Lay on the Ground"

Children's Message: "The Wise Gift"

Glory Be to the Father

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Sermon: "The Herod Syndrome"

Musical Interlude: Collecting Prayer Request Cards

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: "Rising"

***Doxology:** Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn:** "The First Noel" 245 vv. 2 to 5

***Blessing / Response:**

"Noel, Noel" (Refrain from "The First Noel")

Thrift Store: Tues. 6 pm-8 pm; Thur 10 am-2 pm; Sat 10 am-2pm
Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Tues 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Thu 10 am-11:30