



Mt Vernon UMC

January 9, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**The glory of the Lord bathes us
in the brightness of the new dawn.**

Lift up your eyes and look around.

**Our hearts rejoice in the glory of God's Son,
who defends the poor, and delivers the needy.**

Christ is like rain that falls on mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

**Let us bring him sweet smelling gifts
and pearls from the sea.**

Let us offer him hearts full of praise.

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines upon us.

♪♪ HYMN - #77

How Great Thou Art

PSALM - Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

♪♪ HYMN - #569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

GOSPEL - Matthew 2:1-12

CHILDREN'S SERMON

¹ Unknown Artist, *The Adoration of the Magi*, c. 1030-1040. Getty Museum,
<https://www.getty.edu/art/collection/objects/3188>

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OT READING - Leviticus 3:12-17

SERMON

CONFESSON & PARDON³

Eternal God, we celebrate the courage of kings who left behind their homelands and their own people to follow a star.

We marvel at their quest to honor a child whose power was announced in the heavens above.

We would do anything to be part of their story—as long as it requires little effort or sacrifice on our part.

Forgive our feet of clay, O God.

**Open our shut-up hearts
to the mystery made known in Christ,
that others may behold in us
the blessings to be found
in journeys worth taking. Amen.**

The power of the living God transforms our hearts of stone into hearts of gladness and song.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

OFFERING & PEACE

♪♪ DOXOLOGY - #95

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

HOLY COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

Follow the kings of old and search for God's Son.

We go forth, following the light of the world.

Follow the magi in search of the child of peace.

**We go forth, proclaiming hope and blessing
to the poor and needy.**

Follow the star to behold the glory of God.

We go with the promise of new life in Christ.

POSTLUDE

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

- Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
- Learn together of God's love and grace
- Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
- Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).

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