

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Mag from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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EPIPHANY:

The Great Invitation

CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2018

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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

PEOPLE: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord,

PEOPLE: for God has done wondrous things!

***HYMN - “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #220 UMH**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: “Cares Chorus #2215 TFWS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY- “Praise God from Whom All Blessings” #95 UMH**

ANTHEM

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 2:1-12

***HYMN - “Carol of the Epiphany” #2094 TFWS**

SERMON – “So, Now What?”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

***HYMN - “We Three Kings” #254 UMH**

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE – “Grace Alone” vs1 #2162 refrain TFWS
PASSING THE PEACE**

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

*Please stand as you are able.

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to
know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a
time of fellowship.*

