

St. Helens First United Methodist Church

560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051

January 3, 2021

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

READER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN/ANTHEM: The First Noel See Below

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

READER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: Following the Light

HYMN/ANTHEM: We Three Kings See Below

CLOSING PRAYER (Responsive)

Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey.

As the magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light.

May the blessing of the God of light rest upon you and fill you with light.

Amen.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3-9

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, there are no worship services or small group meetings currently being held at the church. Instead, we are worshiping online on the church website (www.sthelensfirstumc.org) and engaging in fellowship and Bible study over Zoom. Bible study is at 10:30 am on Sunday and fellowship follows at 12 noon. Login information is available on the main page of our church website.

If you have any questions about the reopening of the church or would like to know more about our ministry during this time, call Pastor Jared at (206) 930-9051 or email him at pastorjaredmaddox@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at (503) 397-0061 or email it at office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net.

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