

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:00a Worship/African Children's Choir  
10:00a Fellowship, Cookies and Coffee

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

10:00a Preaching with the Pastor—Peet's Coffee, 1290 E. Bidwell  
Matthew 2:1-12—"The Magi"

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

10:00a Adult Bible Study—Office Conference Room

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00p Session/AC Meeting—Youth Room

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

9:00a Worship  
10:00a Fellowship, Cookies and Coffee  
7:00p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Please hold in your prayers Ramona Knight and the Knight family for the loss of her brother-in-law, Roger Knight, who passed away December 5th.*

**THIS WEEK: Sunday thru Saturday—5:00p HART Winter Shelter  
Our Prayer Room (B3) Wed. 7:00p; Sun. 8:30a**

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Gene Oliphant



**"Adoration of the Shepherds"**

*by Hanna Varghese*

**Welcoming all people in the name of Christ.  
Expressing the love of God to the World.  
Trusting the Power of the Holy Spirit  
as we serve the Kingdom of God.**

**Worship 9:00am - December 17, 2017**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins**

# Today's Worship

"Welcome to Journey Church"

**"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.'"**

## \*Call to Worship

Fred Jonas

Our God is the One who comes to us in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child.

**Our God is the One who cannot be found locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary.**

Our God is the One who speaks through the unexpected - Mary of Nazareth and the shepherds.

**Our God is the One who comes to us in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World!**

Let us worship God!

**African Children's Choir**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**\*Sung Response "The Candle of Hope"**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

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**\*Confession of Sin**

**Good and gracious God, your mercy surprises us and astounds us. You chose the shepherds, lowly and dirty as they were, to reveal the birth of the Messiah. You chose Mary, a simple girl from Nazareth, a child, really, to give birth to the Light of the World. We look for your face in the mighty and the strong while ignoring the weak and the vulnerable. Forgive us. Open our eyes to "the least of these," that we might see the face of Jesus through whom we pray. Amen.**

**Moment for Silent Prayer**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Behold, Jesus forgives!

**Our slates are wiped clean.**

Believe this good news of the Gospel:

**In Christ Jesus we are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**African Children's Choir**

**Welcome and Invitation to Discipleship**

**Children's Message and Coin Collection for Mission**

**\*Hymn of Praise "What Child is This?"**

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-20

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**Meditation** "Beside the Manger ~The Shepherds"

Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins

**\*Hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flock by Night"**

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**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**African Children's Choir**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

African Children's Choir

**\*All who are able, please stand.**