



## *Contemporary Service*

### **Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Revised Standard Version**



### *Epiphany Sunday*

<sup>2</sup> Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; <sup>8</sup> and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they <sup>0</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; <sup>11</sup> and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

***Rev. W. Russell Freeman, Sr.***

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***Pastor***  
***Rev. Emily Kirby***  
***Associate Pastor***

**9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**OPENING GREETING/PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

**SERMON**

“Rejoice Exceedingly!”

Rev. Russell Freeman

**PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Emily Kirby

**BENEDICTION**

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**Sound System:** Andy Harman

**Pro Presenter:** Jan Weiss & Pat Angelini

### **In Person Worship Guidelines/Rules**

Remember that in order to “safely” conduct “in person” services during these difficult times of COVID-19 and social distancing we have developed guidelines. They may be long and cumbersome to read and remember but we all must be vigilant. So with that in mind, as much as you would LOVE to speak and stop to chat with someone, please:

- Follow the usher to your seat
- Once seated, stay in your seat, unfortunately it is not safe to leave and socialize.
- After the service please follow the exit procedure and walk to the exit when it is your turn to proceed. It is not safe for you or others to stop talk and socialize when exiting.

We all must follow the rules so that we can continue to worship in person. Do you realize that there are some churches that are now back to only streaming services because of virus outbreaks? Let's try not to do that and follow the rules.

### **Pick Up Your Offering Envelopes for 2021**

Haven't gotten your offering envelopes for 2021 in the fellowship hall at the church office on Sunday morning when you are here for church service.

### **Stewardship Report**

With the unusual year that is almost behind us, we have decided to wait until January to conduct the 2021 stewardship campaign. The finance committee has recommended and a church council has approved a level budget for 2021. There are no pay raises for staff and all of our programs are being asked to hold to 2020 expenses. We will have to make up the \$67,000 income we received from the paycheck protection program. I urge you to give generously as 2020 ends and please begin to think about how you will support LRUMC in 2021. Yours in Christ, *Jim Offutt, Stewardship Chair*

*The day of January 3 thru January 4 at 11:00 AM is Cereal and Powdered Milk Sunday at LRUMC. A box is available in front of the doors of the Life Center to drop off your items. North Strand Helping Hand is grateful to its volunteers and donors in 2020. It was a difficult year for everyone. This program could not work without the help of all of you. The totals for January thru November were as follows: Volunteer hours were 5510, mileage driven 34,449, households served – 9531, individuals served – 27,814 and pounds of food given out was 456,450. This was a year that made Helping Hand very grateful that they have fulfilled their mission of helping those in need. Thank you!*

**DHEC** will offer Drive Thru Covid Virus testing again on Thursday, January 7 from 10:00 – 2:00 in the church parking lot. It is open to anyone who is interested in getting a free test. Do not call the church office with questions since this is done by the state of S.C.

### **Our Presence on December 27, 2020**

In Person Worship Returning from Covid-19 Church Closing.

8:30 AM	33
9:30 AM	53
11:00 AM	31
Worship Total:	<b>117</b>

## THIS WEEK AT LRUMC

Sunday, January 3

8:30 Traditional Service on Facebook & You Tube

9:30 Contemporary Service on Facebook

10:30 Pairs & Spares Bible Study via Zoom

Monday, January 4

10:00 Dignity Ministry, Life Center

Tuesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 6

**12:00 Worship Service, CANCELLED**

Thursday, January 7

10:00 Dignity Ministry

**10:00 – 2:00 DHEC Drive Thru Covid Testing in Parking Lot**

Friday, January 8

5:00 Shepherd's Table Dinner, Food Pick up only

## OUR PRAYERS

Wayne Baker, Teresa L. Banner, James Barbato, Hilda Barnes, Joyce Ann Bolig, Bette Bosworth, Wayne & Jo Booth, Margaret Brainard, Ray Brick, Stacey Brown, Helena Burkey, Rick Clayton, Bonnie Clore, Ron Colyer, Ed Compton, George Clark, Sharon Cooksey, Teresa & Bud Cox, Fred Crum, Pat Deen, Carroll Edwards, Andy Fiorenza, Keith Guido, Betty Guildo, Josh Hancock, Caroline Hester, June Humphreys, Julia Kenney, Hap LaBonge, Bill & Linda Lesler, Bill Lesnick, Jack Loftis, Judy Mattson, Laraine McCaskill, Joe McIlroy, Jeannette McFee, Frankie Melvin, Don & Joyce Miller, Estelle Minicozzi, Mike Mitchell, Beverly Myers & family, Jerry Neuss, Frank Palaia, Rick Patterson, Gary Perkins, Priscilla Rivera, Calvin Saunders, Ron Schultz, Kathy Shipman, Peggy Spitzer, Jane Swanson, Jerry & Barbara Titshaw, Diana Troutt, Blaine Tuttle, Bill Watson, Jim Weeks, Robert Witt, Bonnie Woods

*\*\* Medical Support personnel, First Responders and ALL Essential Workers that are protecting and serving us during this time of need.*

*\*\*All military especially those in harm's way.*

*Have a blessed and Happy New Year!  
Stay safe and healthy*