

**Welcome to our guests! Please stop by the Welcome Center after the service for a special gift.**

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**Previous video messages and the church calendar are available on the website at [www.avonumc.com](http://www.avonumc.com).**

**Remember to record your attendance in Realm or use the attendance pad found in the pew or on the chairs and pass to those in your row.**

**NA meets in the AUMC building on Mondays at 6:30 pm.  
AA meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 pm. For more information about AA, please contact Dan: 765-513-0588.**

**Please make sure you keep a lid on your coffee cups in the Narthex and the Gathering area. Your help keeping coffee out of the Chapel and Sanctuary is appreciated. Thank you!**



Welcome 



**December 29, 2024**  
**Traditional Worship: 8:30 am**  
**Blended Worship: 10:00 am**

# 8:30 am Worship

**Prelude** Dianne Perry, organ  
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" - Paul Manz

**Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** Pastor Danny

**Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **No. 234**

**Prayer** Pastor Ed

**Special Music** Wendy Stainbrook, piano  
"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

**\*Children are dismissed to Children's Church.**

**Hymn** "Angles We Have Heard on High" **No. 238**

**Scripture** I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Luke 2:41-52

**Message** Pastor Danny  
"Come, Let Us Adore Him: Home"

**Hymn** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" **No. 251**

**Time of Offering & Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Danny  
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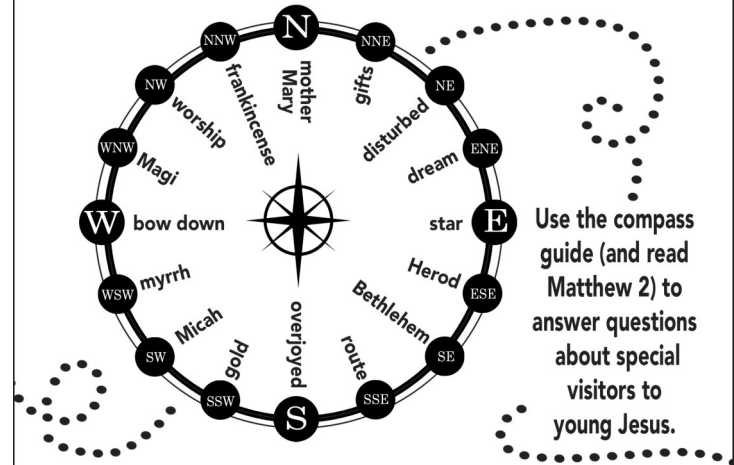


**Doxology**

**Benediction** Pastor Danny

**Postlude** Dianne Perry, organ  
"Christmas Postlude" - William Stickles

# Puzzle!



Use the compass guide (and read Matthew 2) to answer questions about special visitors to young Jesus.

1. Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? \_\_\_\_\_ (WNW)
3. How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? \_\_\_\_\_ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His \_\_\_\_\_ (N)
10. Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? \_\_\_\_\_ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ (SSW) \_\_\_\_\_ (NNW) \_\_\_\_\_ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A \_\_\_\_\_ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another \_\_\_\_\_ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; 12. frankincense; 13. dream; 14. route

## Announcements

**\*Today - Children's Ministry** is offering our church family the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and serve together on the fifth Sunday of the month. Instead of Sunday School, kids will attend the worship service with their families. After the 10:00 am service there will be lunch, decorating cookies, and visiting the assisted living residence at Traditions at Reagan Park in Avon.

**\*Today - Robert's Park Soup's On Ministry** - We will be sending a team to serve at Robert's Park to help feed those who are hungry and homeless.

**\*Ruth Circle** will meet at Jo Ann Marsh's house on January 6th at 12:00 pm for a pitch-in luncheon and meeting.

**\*Prime Timers** will be having lunch on January 14th at 12:00 pm at Emmy's in Avon.

**\*Be sure to save the date for our always entertaining Talent Show!** It will take place on Sunday, February 2nd and we would love for you to participate and attend! There will be a Chili Cook Off prior to the big show. For more information or to sign up, please e-mail Michele Feld at [michelejanine@icloud.com](mailto:michelejanine@icloud.com) or Beth Biever at [thebievs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thebievs@sbcglobal.net).

**\*VBS is already planning for Summer 2025.** This Christmas season, if you encounter any extra large boxes...TV, refrigerator, deep freeze, etc., we'd like to take those off of your hands! Please contact Holly Collins at 317-345-3002 or [hncollins.family.03@gmail.com](mailto:hncollins.family.03@gmail.com) if you've got something that might work.



## 10:00 am Worship

Prelude Dianne Perry, organ  
"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" - Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Songs Praise Band  
"Joy to the World"  
"Come Now is the Time to Worship/Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer

Special Music Wendy Stainbrook, piano  
"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Children's Message

Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

Scripture I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Luke 2:41-52

Message Pastor Danny  
"Come, Let Us Adore Him: Home"

Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

Offering & Pastoral Prayer

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### Our Church Family

#### Continued Healing & Grace

Sharon Mattingly, Brad Spice, Penny Hanlon, Nancy Schooley, Pastor Ron H. Branson, Troy Brownfield, Cheryl Powell, Alice King, Doris Pellom, Bob Thompson, Jeff Trees, & Betty Vogel

#### Our Extended Families & Friends

*Father of Patty Lyday; Edwin* - friend of Bruce Schaedel's daughter; *Leanna & Dennis* - mother & brother of Dianne Perry

#### Continued Healing & Grace Extended Families & Friends

*Miles* - grandson of Deane & Nancy Duncan; *Nora* - granddaughter of Sebastine & Karen Ujereh; *Alyssa* - granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Thompson; *Ken & Jim* - friends of Joanne Barrick; *Gladys* - mother of Lisa Dick

#### Those Serving Our Country in the Military

This week's military persons of the week are:

Allen Crady      Kent Gable

#### Our Card Ministry

Judy Main

# YOUR GIVING MATTERS!



### Giving



#### Ways to Give:

1. Offering boxes on Sunday
2. Text AVONUNITED to 73256
3. Scan the Giving QR Code
4. Drop off or mail to the church

### Attendance



#### Other Ways to Support AUMC:

1. Select AUMC as your rewards partner at Kroger Community Rewards.
2. Through IRA distributions
3. Through your estate
4. With your time

### Prayer



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### Pledge

