

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we continue our mini-series *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols* and Pastor John will be looking at the note *Star: The Shiloh Factor* from Matthew 2.1-12 as you will be asked to use your sanctified imaginations. Then Sunday evening our note will be *Come* as Pastor John looks at a variety of scripture texts as we come together to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

We will be having a lot of special music these next two Sundays as well as singing Christmas carols. Sunday morning's carols will be *Away in a Manger, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing! Silent Night, Holy Night!, We Three Kings, and What Child is This?* Sunday evening we will sing *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence, O Little Town of Bethlehem, All is Well, and O Come, All Ye Faithful*. Lots of joyous singing!

With all that singing, keep in mind **Christmas Caroling** coming up on Monday at 6:00. We should have a lot of folks to sing to this year... we will need a lot of singers!

May God give each of time to reflect on and celebrate that our Savior has come... and that he is coming again!

Message: "Star: The Shiloh Factor" • **Text:** Matthew 2.1-18

Series: *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols*

Using our "sanctified imaginations" to hear one magi's story

Expectation

- The Prophet Daniel
- Numbers 24.17
- Genesis 49.10:
- The Hope of the Nations
- Watching in Hope
- Seeing the Star

On to Jerusalem

- An Indifferent City
- A Concerned Herod
- Alone to Bethlehem

O Worship the King

- Little Town
- A Little House
- A Child to Worship
- Hope Fulfilled
- The Gifts

Going Home

- The Dream
- Hope Maintained

So What Do We Do?

- Worship
- Hope of forgiveness

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

December 18, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Gloria* The Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips
Pastor of Ministries

The Song of Ascent *God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation *Away in a Manger* #204

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. —Matthew 2.10-11

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Responsively) Numbers 24.17; Matthew 2 1.2
Leader: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob,

All: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose[b] and have come to worship him."

Christmas Celebrations This Week

Celebrating the Lord's Supper: 6:30pm tonight.

Our focus will be *Come*.

Christmas Caroling: Monday, 6pm. Join us as we go to minister to members of the CMPC family.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 4pm & 5:30pm

Hymns of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!* #203

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Silent Night! Holy Night! #210

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace! sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Pastoral Prayer

Mission Moment

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music *Advent Meditation* The Handbell Choir

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *We Three Kings*
(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star

Refrain: *O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word Matthew 2.1-12 p. 807, pew bible
All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *Star (The Shiloh Factor)* Pastor John
Christmas Mini-Series: *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *What Child is This?* #213

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen