#### **Prayer Concerns**

First Responders Josh O. Victims of natural disasters Ron W. Those suffering from mental Nancy D. illness

Those affected by gun violence Those who are homeless

Those experiencing addiction Our condolences to Nancy K. following the passing of her

father-in-law, Harold Tom, lifted by Becky & Jeff R. Karen, sister of Jeff R.

David, lifted by Mary Ellen M. Jane P.

Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T. Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Barbara B.

Lois D.

Bill. Sarah J.'s brother Justin, lifted by Vann P.

Barb & Ray S. Carole B. Keith A. Sally S. Judy F.

Selene, lifted by Carole A. Steve, lifted by

Mary Ellen M.

Matthew F., USAF Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

Christopher Y., USAF

# This Week's Birthdays

Elizabeth Sullivan Benjamin Tidmore January 2 January 4 January 4 Brenda Forsberg James Bridges January 7

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Guest Organist: Kim Nosé Liturgist: Barb Clough Greeter: Jean Scothon

Ushers: Judi Wagner, Greg Lavelle

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

# North Olmsted **United Methodist Church**



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Epiphany Sunday January 1, 2023 + 10:30 am

## Welcome and Greeting

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

## **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

Prelude I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In Noel Rawsthorne

#### Call to Worship (Isaiah 60, Matthew 2)

Barb Clough

- L: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
- P: The glory of God shines in the darkness.
- L: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!
- P: Take the journey that leads to the child.
- Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!
- We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.

\*Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 \*Unison Prayer (Isaiah 60, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3, Matthew 2)

God of mystery, in the darkness of our world your light shines with grace and truth. Open the eyes of our hearts to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth and joy. May the mystery revealed in Jesus draw us closer to you. May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace. As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice and righteousness. Fill our hearts to overflowing with your joy, your glory, your hope. Amen.

\*Hymn The First Noel UMH 245 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

# **Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Unison Prayer of Confession (Psalm 72, Matthew 2)

God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.

# Words of Assurance and Pardon (Ephesians 3)

In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the mystery that brings grace and forgiveness. The light of God's love transforms us so that we may act with boldness and confidence.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

**Special Music** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Pachelbel Organ Solo: Kimi Nosé

#### **Invitation for the Offering**

Offertory Divinum Mysterium arr. Craig Phillips

(Of the Father's Love Begotten)

\*Doxology UMH 94

Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

**Hymn** What Child Is This UMH 219

**Sermon** "The Gift of Joy" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

\*Hymn Joy to the World UMH 246

# \*Responsive Benediction (Matthew 2)

- L: Go forth and follow the star.
- P: When you have found the child, tell the good news to the world.
- L: May the blessings of God's love fill your hearts with overwhelming joy.
- P: Amen.

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bach

Please be seated for the postlude.