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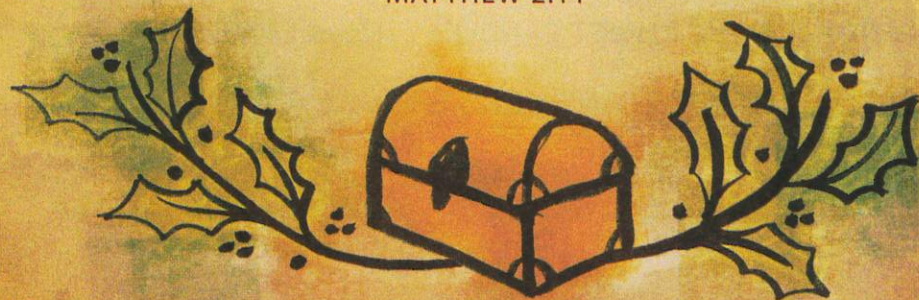
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*Come
let us
adore
Him*

They saw the young child with Mary his mother,
and fell down, and worshipped him: and . . . they presented
unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11



Christmas Eve Communion Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60):

Leader: "Arise, shine, for your light has come."

People: "The glory of the Lord shines like the sun."

Leader: "Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light."

People: "Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness."

Leader: "Lift up your eyes and look around."

People: "The glory of the Lord has come."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – #3

Father, like the Wisemen, we too have come to worship you.
Like the shepherds, we have nothing to offer you but ourselves.

So, take us Father, and make us holy.
Make us to know that in the hustle and bustle of life;
there are sacred moments;
that in the middle of turmoil that surrounds us,
that there is a place where peace reigns;
that in the middle of darkness,
there is a star to guide us.
Help us to find our Christ, O Lord,
and in Him to find joy and peace and love.

HYMN – No. 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
(vs. 1,3,4)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: Ronald & Vickie Failor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Guest Soloist

Derrick Anderson

Holy Night

Christmas Reading: Matthew 2: 1 – 12 (Emphasis 11 &12)

1. In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Wisemen from the East came to Jerusalem,
2. asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage."
3. When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4. and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:"
6. "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.
7. Then Herod secretly called for the Wisemen and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
9. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
11. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON:

"By Another Way"

HYMN – No. 254

"We Three Kings" (vs. 1,2,4)

Communion liturgy (see Insert)

HYMN – No. 239

"Silent Night"

Passing Candlelight

Benediction: (Luke 2)

Go in peace on this holy night.