

Our Offering of Worship

The Wakefield Baptist Church

The Feast of the Epiphany *January 4, 2026*

With the wise, we come and worship

Prelude Julie Wardwell

Greetings Chris Wright

The Sanctuary Candles are Lit

The Call to Worship adapted from Isaiah 60:1-6
(Please add your voices where the bold type appears)

Arise and shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Darkness shall cover the earth,
but nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn!**

Lift up your eyes, behold and be radiant;
then your heart shall thrill and exult.

**The wealth of the nations shall come.
A multitude of camels shall cover you
bringing gold and frankincense,
proclaiming the praises of the Lord!**

With the wise of all the ages,
let us come and worship the Lord!

***A Hymn of Worship #150** *As with Gladness*

***Prayers of Approach**

The Invocation & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

The Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12* (p. 783)

The Epistle *Ephesians 3:7-13* (p. 950)

After each reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem *Shout the Glad Tidings*

The Good News of the Gospel



We bring our gifts to the newborn King

***A Song of Adoration #124** *The First Nowell*

The Prayers of All God's People

After each person prays, we all respond:

"Lord, hear our prayer."

A Song of Offering *We Three Kings* (attached)

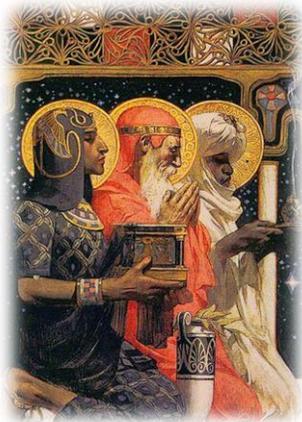
We present our gifts to the Lord

**Worshippers are invited to come forward
and bring their offerings to the front**

***A Prayer of Dedication**

We go to love and serve the Lord

***The Blessing & Recessional #156** (verse 3) *Shine, Jesus, Shine*



As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

***The Postlude**

***Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so**



As with Gladness Men of Old: William C. Dix, 1861 / Conrad Kocher, 1838.
Shout the Glad Tidings: Charles Avison, 1978 Harold Flammer, Inc.
The First Nowell: Traditional English carol.
We Three Kings: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. 1857.
Shine, Jesus, Shine: Graham Kendrick, 1987 Make Way Music.
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We Three Kings

The congregation is invited to join in where the bold type appears.

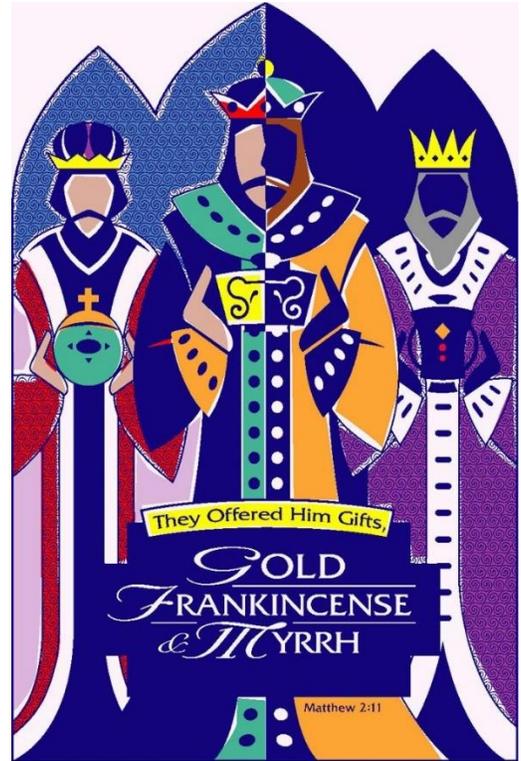
We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain (*all singing*):

**O star of wonder, star of light,
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. **(refrain)**

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worship Him, God on high. **(refrain)**



Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **(refrain)**

(all singing):

**Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.
(refrain)**

Light for the World!

An Epiphany Celebration

As the Wise Men shared with the world the Light they found when they worshipped Baby Jesus, we follow their example today sharing the Light of Jesus with others around the world through our American Baptist Global Servants.



Amy Estelle and Aaron Trout, in Southeast Asia, work to share good news with unreached and underserved populations. Their family farm functions as a food bank for the local community, and they use the land for training and enrichment opportunities.

At the farm they raise squash, coffee, green beans, rice, coconuts, and have 4 fish ponds.

- they support small church pastors,
- have ministry outreach,
- supplement school events in the community.

Our Epiphany Mission Project will raise funds to help purchase a much-needed vehicle for their ministries. This will allow them to: Transport children from school to the farm for ministry gatherings, bring sacks of rice to feeding outreaches in town or up in mountain villages, take Youth camp trips.



Van cost = \$16,897. Our gifts will help them make this purchase. You will find special envelopes in the pews for your gifts. Make checks payable to: Wakefield Baptist Church.

BOOKS, PUZZLES AND GAMES, TOO!

With this project, we will also collect books, puzzles and games appropriate for children in grades K-12 that will be shipped to the Philippines, hopefully to their local school. There is a special box marked for these items by the bulletin board.

Following worship, we'll enjoy a simple meal together in Fellowship Hall and learn more about the Trouts and their work.

Come join us!