

Order of Worship

Gathering Together to Praise God

Prelude Tony Schaffer, Organist

Processional Hymn *Cold December Flies Away* UMH 233

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Bruce Bradshaw, Pastor

*** Call to Worship** Debbie Sherwood, Liturgist

Leader: Holy God, in this precious time, we have gathered to worship.

Cong: We break from the many temptations that entice us.

Leader: We move from the fears that ensnare us.

Cong: We liberate ourselves from the ambitions that entangle us.

Leader: Free us, in these moments, from every distraction.

Cong: Let us be refreshed in your Spirit.

Leader: May our lives be created anew.

All: Amen.

Reading the Word of God

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:9-18
Matthew 2:1-18

***Gloria Patria**

*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. Amen.*

Message *The Meaning of the Magi* Bruce Bradshaw

Hymn of Response *We Three Kings* UMH 254

Communion Green Insert

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95
*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.*

Announcements, Hopes, Joys and Concerns Bruce Bradshaw

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
may your name always be kept holy.
May your kingdom come
and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive us for our sins,
just as we have forgiven those who sinned against us.
And do not cause us to be tempted,
but save us from evil.*

Offering Life, Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Choir

Sending Forth

Hymn of Commitment *We Would See Jesus* UMH 256

Benediction Bruce Bradshaw

Postlude Tony Schaffer, Organist

Those who need our Prayer

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Sermon Notes

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January 1, 2012 at 10:00AM



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