

Willow Springs Sunday Worship Jan. 8, 2023. 9:30 am
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Epiphany Sunday: *RESTORATION IS NEAR* - God's restoration is for the whole world. Through God's grace, we are merely a small part of the richness of God's works.

Welcome and Call to worship – Cal Zehr

Call to worship

Leader: O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your only Son
in all his glory to the people of the earth.

**People: The manifestation of light and new life,
you are Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: Guide us into your presence, where we may see your glory face-to-face.

People: We bring our gifts of service, unity, and love as a blessing to your kingdom.

All: Let all the earth adore you, for you are the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings

Songs - Phil Kaufmann

Children's time – Beth Gerig

Focus: The shepherd learns that Jesus the Messiah came to save everyone.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-15

Monologue: *Three Gifts* by Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “hear our prayer.”

Offering Song

Announcements

Today concludes the Joy of Jesus Young Adult Retreat. Thanks to all who attended, helped plan and volunteered in various capacities for a great weekend!

Please find an **updated directory** in your church mailbox. If you don't need your copy, please leave it on the shelf below. Pick up extra copies as needed.

We have an **opportunity to serve** the HS and Jr High groups from Living Water Community Church, Chicago, in travel to Menno Haven's Winter Retreats, January 13-15 and 20-22. Could you offer to give them a ride from the Princeton Amtrak to MH Friday evening or Sunday Noon? Please contact Cal.

This quarter we highlight the **ministries of MCC** with their impact around the world. Anyone who wants to donate can write “Meat Canning” on the memo of a check.

CALENDAR

January 11 Elders' Meeting 7:30 via zoom.

January 22 and 29 Visioning in WS Mission, in 75 minutes afternoon sessions after lunch. On the 22nd bring your own lunch meal and the 29th plan for a potluck.

Sending - As you go today, may you bear with you the mystery of Christ's birth: God's story of restoration goes on.

Online giving option: <https://tinyurl.com/donateWSMC>

Masks are encouraged but no longer required in our building. If you have Covid-like symptoms, please stay home and join by Zoom. Thank you for your consideration of others.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.