



First UMC of West Dundee

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

## HYMN #203 (UMH)

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Vocal Ensemble

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| <p>(1) Hail to the Lord's Anointed,<br/>great David's greater Son!<br/>Hail in the time appointed,<br/>his reign on earth begun!<br/>He comes to break oppression,<br/>to set the captive free;<br/>to take away transgression,<br/>and rule in equity.</p> <p>(3) He shall come down like showers<br/>upon the fruitful earth;<br/>love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br/>spring in his path to birth.<br/>Before him, on the mountains,<br/>shall peace, the herald, go,<br/>and righteousness, in fountains,<br/>from hill to valley flow.</p> | <p>(2) He comes with succor speedy<br/>to those who suffer wrong;<br/>to help the poor and needy,<br/>and bid the weak be strong;<br/>to give them songs for sighing,<br/>their darkness turn to light,<br/>whose souls, condemned and dying,<br/>are precious in his sight.</p> <p>(4) To him shall prayer unceasing<br/>and daily vows ascend;<br/>his kingdom still increasing,<br/>a kingdom without end.<br/>The tide of time shall never<br/>his covenant remove;<br/>his name shall stand forever;<br/>that name to us is love.</p> |
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## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

## THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> '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.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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."

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## SERMON

### *“Simple Gifts”*

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

## HYMN #451 (UMH)

### *Be Thou My Vision* Vocal Ensemble

- (1) Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- (2) Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- (3) Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision O Ruler of all.

## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

### CREDITS:

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