

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell

Welcome/Announcements Loren Swenson

Welcoming the Light of Christ

Introit “It is Well with My Soul” Choir

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

Arise, shine!

For the Light of the World has come!

Arise, shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

We gather to praise Christ our Light.

Arise, shine! May Christ our Light shine through us!

*** Singing our Praise** “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #2173

Opening Prayer

God of promise and light, open our eyes this day, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the One who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of Light and Love will transform our lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Liturgist: Cindy Kocher

Anthem “Go Tell It on the Mountain” Choir

Children’s Message Loren Swenson

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon “About this Herod Character” Pastor Melanie Adams

Response Song “There’s a Song in the Air” vs. 1,4 #249

Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges

(Where have you seen God’s presence? What gratitude and/or challenge is in your heart or on your mind?)

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer #895

The Offering

Doxology #94

Offertory Prayer

Holy and Loving God, may we give freely of ourselves and our resources as you have given to us. Help us, by your love, to bear the light of your truth and your integrity, your forgiveness and your faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

Holy Communion

***Closing Song** “The First Noel” #245

***Our Purpose**

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

Benediction Pastor Melanie

Benediction Response “It is Well with My Soul” Choir

Postlude ~ Pam Campbell



**Family of
Ray Harper**

Kocher Family

Dan Torgler



01/08

**Karla Lawrence
Joyce Petersen**

01/13

Lyle Pounds

Events this week:

Sunday, January 5th:

9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee & Conversing
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 pm Un-Hanging of the Greens

Monday, January 6th:

5:30 pm Worship Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th:

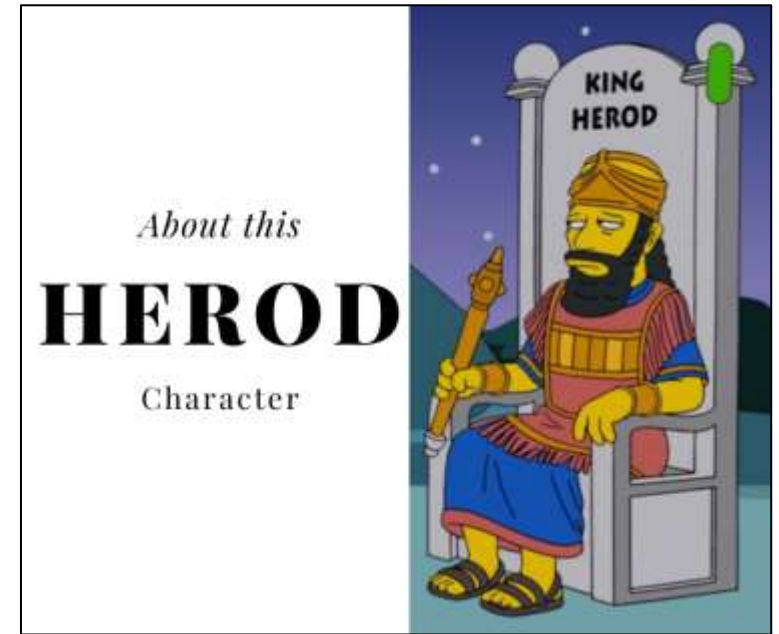
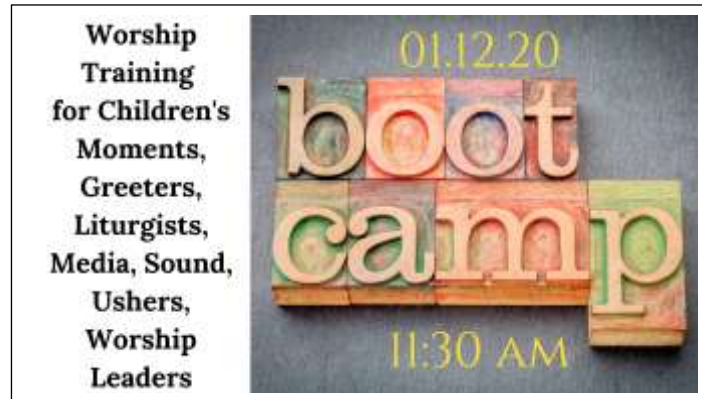
7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, January 8th:

5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
5:30 pm Choir Practice
5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Sunday, January 12th:

9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee & Conversing
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Boot Camp



January 5, 2019

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