

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here! Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew. If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.

CHILD CARE

During the worship service child care is provided in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers.



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PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 1, 2012

10:00AM WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 1, 2012
Epiphany Sunday**

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Toccata ~ Pachelbel

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When hope invites us to journey
elusive, beckoning onward but never in our grasp:

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

When dreams glimmer in the distance,
fading, clouded and hidden, or shining with new brightness:

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

When established patterns collapse into the uncertainty of the
unknown and security dissolves into a memory:

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

When the illusion of success threatens to divert us
and silence our souls' yearning:

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

When we think our journey has ended in the star-lit glow
only to find the end is a new beginning:

God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

UMH #254

We Thee Kings

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of life, like a promised land, you invite us to leave our
frantic ways. Like a banquet-laden table, you bid us to
restore our empty spirits. Like a pool of still waters, you
call us to cease our crowded living. Like a bright and
shining star, you lead us, and restore our lives of wonder.
Amen.**

***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Sherry Scates

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayers (using "trespasses")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:15

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

"On the Journey"

Rev. Sherry Scates

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

Grown-Up Christmas List

Tim and Sherry Scates

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

TFWS #2095

Star Child

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

UMH #672

God Be with You (vs. 1)

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsel guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Arise and Shine in Splendor ~ Brahms