



### Order of Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn\* Angels from the  
Realms of Glory  
UMH #220

Affirmation of Faith\* UMH #881

Gloria Patri\* UMH #70

Time of Prayer & Confession

Hymn\* The First Noel  
UMH #245

Gifts, Tithes, & Offerings Rise Up, Shepherd,  
and Follow  
TFWS #2096

The Doxology UMH #95

Children's Message Rev. Becca Newcomb  
TFWS #2233

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Rev. Steven Newcomb

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Holy Communion

Hymn\* We Three Kings  
UMH #254

Benediction\*

Postlude



#### Activity Boxes for Children

Our ushers will be happy to assist you.

Start the  
**NEW YEAR**  
— in style —  
**DONATE  
BLOOD**

JANUARY 2-14, 2023

It's time to ring in the new year by saving lives with **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center**. When you donate blood from **January 2-14, 2023**, we will thank you for your life-saving act with a warm hoodie.

Schedule your appointment at [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) today!

*While supplies last. Promotional item may be substituted for item of equal value.*



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**Blood Drives for 2023**

Save the dates for our 2023 Blood Drives:

- [January 8](#)
- May 21
- October 8

[Register now for a time to donate on January 8 at whartonfumc.org/giveblood.](http://whartonfumc.org/giveblood)

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January 1st, 2023

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

GOD OF THE DARK & THE LIGHT WORSHIP SERIES

MATTHEW 2:1-12



8th Day of Christmas  
New Year's Day  
Epiphany Sunday

**Our 4-Part Vision**  
**Building Community**  
**Growing Our Faith**  
**Feeding the Hungry**  
**Engaging the Children**

To all who sin and need a Savior ...

To all who mourn and seek comfort ...

To all who are lonely and need a friend ...

To all who are weary and need rest ...

To whosoever will come ...

This church opens wide her door and her heart ...

And in the name of Jesus Christ, bids you welcome.