



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of January 6, 2019

Matthew 2:1-12 *Christ Revealed to the Nations*

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

- A couple of notes about this story:
 - “The child” (11)
 - “Wise men from the east” (1); Note the beginning and ending of Matthew’s gospel
 - “The Star”
 - “Gold, frankincense and myrrh”(11)
- What kind of king?
- “He who is born king of the Jews” (2)
- “We have come to worship him” (2)
- “Where was the Christ was to be born” (4)
- Reactions:
 - “Troubled”, and all Jerusalem” (3); Threatened
 - The disinterest of the chief priests and scribes (after all Bethlehem is only five miles or so from Jerusalem)
 - “Rejoicing exceedingly with great joy” (10)
 - “Gifts” (11); Treasures

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WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

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Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah foretold the coming of the Wise Men (Isaiah 60:1-6). These kings followed the light of a star, travelled to Bethlehem from the East, and sought to bring gifts to the Christ child (Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14). Upon their arrival, they rejoiced and worshipped Him (Matthew 2:1-12). Through God's grace in Jesus Christ for us, we are given the light of the Gospel of God's salvation intended for the nations (Ephesians 3:1-12).

Isaiah 60:1-6

Nations Will Come

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

All Shall Bow

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Mystery of Christ

Matthew 2:1-12

Christ Revealed to the Nations

Reflection on Sunday, January 6

Monday

Daniel 2:1-19

The King Seeks Wisdom

Ephesians 4:17-5:1

New Life

Tuesday

Daniel 2:24-49

God Gives Wisdom

Ephesians 5:15-20

Wise Living in Evil Days

Wednesday

Numbers 24:15-19

I See Him, but Not Now

Luke 1:67-79

He has Visited and Redeemed His People

Daily

Psalm 72

Give the King Your Justice

Preparation for Sunday, January 13

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Nothing New Under the Sun

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Wise & Foolish

Friday

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Vain Self-Indulgence

I Corinthians 2:1-10

Wisdom in Weakness

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

God Has Done It

I Corinthians 2:11-16

The Spirit Imparts Wisdom

Daily

Psalm 29

All Cry Glory