

# Sunday Worship at Skyline United Methodist Church

January 7, 2024

## *The Gathering*

### Call to Worship

Welcome!

Message for our young disciples

Announcements

### Worship Set

Psalm 29: 1, 11

Prayer for Worship

Band

Dave Sheppard

Mary Sheppard

## *The Word*

### Scripture

Matt 2: 1-13a

Dave Sheppard

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

*You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people, Israel."*

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route. When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.

The word of God for the people of God

Message

**Thanks be to God**

Pastor Ruthann

## *Invitation & Offering*

Communion server: Ivan

from Genesis 1 & Mark 1

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, our Savior. As we leave one year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen

## *The Sending:*

From Matthew 2:

Go forth and follow the star. When you have found the child, tell the good news to the world.

May the blessings of God's love fill your hearts with overwhelming joy.

And at Skyline we say:

**Our worship is over, let the service begin!**

Sending Song:

Band

**Go in peace and live the church. See you throughout the week!**

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1. [Skylinechurch.net](https://Skylinechurch.net)  
select Give/Scroll down for giving form

2. Subsplash Giving App

3. Cash

4. Check

Checks can be mailed to:  
Skyline Church  
3100 Skyline Drive  
Wilmington DE 19808

# Announcements

**Meetings this week:** (Please email the office if you need to coordinate a time to be in the building!)  
Meals on Wheels week! Be in prayer for our serving team and those who receive their love and lunch!

## Monday 1/8

3:30pm Office Hours  
6-7 Big Book AA group, fellowship hall

## Tuesday 1/9

7:00 Disciple Bible Study  
6:00 Ad Council Zoom, see email

## Wednesday 1/10

Music School of Wilm, 10-11 & 4:30-6:30, foyer  
7:00pm Covenant Discipleship Group  
7:00pm Freedom group (AA)  
7:00 Wednesday Night Bible study

## Thursday 1/11

10:00 Thursday Study Group zoom only  
5:30-6:45 Music School of Wilm, foyer  
7:00 Praise band practice  
7:30pm AA

## Friday 1/12

Pastor Ruthann Sabbath  
7:00am Men's Breakfast  
8:00pm Friday Night AA group

## Saturday 1/13

9:00am Una Esperanza  
1:00pm Una Esperanza lunch and fellowship  
5:00pm Una Esperanza youth program

## Sunday 1/7

Children/Youth (grades 1-8) Sunday School

## Upcoming Worship Series:

### Becoming a people of God

date	series theme	worship theme	worship Psalm	Scripture
7-Jan	Becoming	and then there was morning	Psalm 29: 1, 11	Matt 2: 1-13a
14-Jan	a people	your servant is listening	Psalm 139: 14	1 Samuel 3: 1-10
21-Jan	of	a second time	Psalm 62: 5-8	Johan 3: 1-5, 10
28-Jan	God	among your own people	Psalm 111: 1, 10	1 Cor 8: 7-13
4-Feb		with wings like eagles	Isaiah 40: 31	Mark 1: 29-39
11-Feb		crossing over	Psalm 50: 7	2 Kings 2: 1-12



Warm things collection!  
Supporting the Clothing Bank of DE!  
Bring in your gently used warm things as a gift to Jesus.  
Loving our neighbors by sharing our warmth!



In case you wanted a template to sort out your goals and dreams!

For me, writing them down gives them follow up, they don't get lost in the busyiness of life.

Dreams, they take some time identifying but if you do clarify AND write it down AND share it with someone, you will discover support and encouragment to help you move closer to your dream. May you always dreamed of learning to paint, or writing a book, or finally getting a scrapbook for that middle daughter done. Writing it helps you be accountable to yourself. Sure, sometimes our dreams get reset. I used to dream of skydiving, but not so much any more!

Consider which of these categories are meaningful to you, and give yourself the gift of time to make some plans.

2024	Short Range Goals	How I plan to accomplish my short range goals:	Dreams	How I plan to accomplish my dreams:
Personal				
Family				
Spiritual				
Moral/Justice				
Caring				
Giving				
Health				
Fitness				

We learned about this plan while doing a bible study by Melissa Spoelstra ([Melissa Spoelstra Ministries](#))