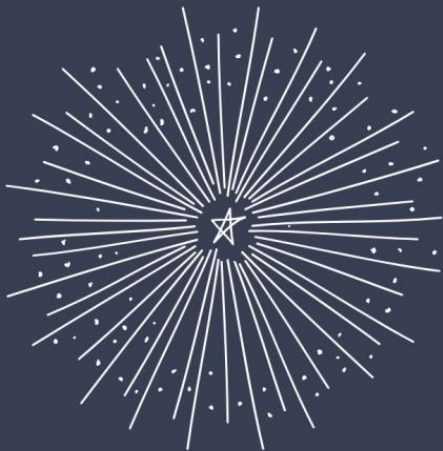




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*Like the Magi, the moment
of faithfulness is when we
leave in search of Christ.*

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COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000
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Augusta County:	77
Harrisonburg	33
Staunton	25
Rockingham	69
Waynesboro	22
Average/100K	45.2

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Music Notes for January 10



Philipp Nicolai.

Two of the pieces for this Sunday’s service are based on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How lovely shines the morning star). The hymn was written down by Lutheran pastor, poet and composer Philipp Nicolai in 1597 and first published two years later. However, some scholars believe that the melody had been around for at least 60 years when Nicolai combined the tune with the well-known text. Johann Sebastian Bach harmonized the “Queen of Chorales” in multiple works, including the hymn that comprises this Sunday’s anthem. The melody is also the theme for this week’s voluntaries, written by Dieterich Buxtehude. The first section of the choral fantasy is the prelude and the postlude features the lively gigue (jig). Buxtehude’s compositional style reflects the luminescence of the perpetual light that is manifest in the Bethlehem Star.

At the beginning of every new year, we look forward into an uncertain future. What will the future bring? What is our place in it? We trust in the Lord, not only to show us the way, but to provide us with all that we need to honor his Call.

Please return your pledge card as a reminder to yourself and a planning aid for the session. Remember: during this time of enforced separation, the work of the church goes on. Mail your pledges and contributions to:

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Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany**, the twelfth day after Christmas, which commemorates *the Adoration of the Magi*, the visit of the wise men to Jesus.

An *epiphany* is a revelation of God at work in a special way - such as the Star in the East, which revealed the birth of a divine king.

It is a day of special foods and particular traditions. Children may receive presents - in Spain, they come from the three kings, while in Italy, it is an old woman called *Befana* who delivers them.

In New Orleans, Christmas ornaments are often replaced with Purple, Gold and Green ones, and 'King Cakes' are eaten. A baby Jesus figure is hidden within the sweet cinnamon pastry; whoever gets the piece with the baby has to supply the next King Cake. In other places, pastries known as *Roscón*, *Tortell* or *Galette des Rois*, are enjoyed.

In northern Europe, door lintels are marked with chalk to protect the house in the coming year, with the initials of the traditional names for the kings (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) splitting the year - this year, it's *20*C*M*B*21*.

In Belgium, children dress up as the three wise men and go from door to door to sing songs and people give them money or sweets - Halloween, without the spooky parts.

The Irish call the day *Nollaig na mBean* ('Women's Christmas'), a holiday when men do the housework and cooking.

Take a moment to consider how God's love and power are revealed to you this day, as we remember the gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.



The New Orleans Pelicans use this frightening King Cake Baby mascot around the time of Mardi Gras, which only makes sense if you're from New Orleans.

An Earnest Prayer for the New Year.

