## THIS WEEK AT TRIUNE

Sunday, January 3 Worship, 11 Bag Lunch, 9-1 ()

Monday, January 4 Bag Breakfast, 7-8 Mail pick-up or other needs 9-1 Closed for lunch, 1-2 Staff Appointments, 2-5

#### Tuesday, January 5

Mail Pick-up, Pop-Top Bags, Staff Appointments, 9-5 Closed for Lunch and Staff meeting, 1:00 - 3:30 Staff Appointments, 3:30-5

### Wednesday, January 6

Epiphany Food Pantry, 9-11, Parking Lot Mail Pick-up, Pop-Top Bags, Staff Appointments, 9-1 Closed for lunch, 1-2 Staff Appointments, 2-5

#### Thursday, January 7

Mail Pick-up, Pop-Top Bags, Staff Appointments, 9-5 Closed for lunch, 1-2 Staff Appointments, 2-5

#### Friday, January 8 Closed

Saturday, January 9 Mail Pick-up, Bag Lunch, 9-12 ()

# **Triune Mercy Center**

Greenville, South Carolina January 3, 2021



This image is a meditation on the gift boxes spiraling out from the center of the Star of Bethlehem. The top of the central square opens as Mary receives the gifts of the three Wise Men. Multiple paths surround the star, portraying the wise decision of the Magi to return home a different way to resist the fear-ridden power of King Herod. We know the story well. The Magi's decision buys time for Mary and Joseph to make a move that will eventually save the life of God incarnate. They choose to leave the country as refugees, to escape the oppression that Herod's fear imposes on their child. Can we combat the fear within ourselves—to see beyond it to the love and hope that are also held in every moment? With each decision, we first choose our lens. Can we make it our intention to see the world through love, not through fear?

~Hannah Garrity, Another Road, based on Matthew 2:1-12, Paper Lace, (A Sanctified Art) Pastor: Jennifer Fouse Sheorn Music Director/Piano: Andy Welchel Sound: Ben Sheorn and Sydney Anderson Associate Pastor: Tandy Taylor Video: Justin Garrison

# ORDER OF WORSHIP January 3, 2021 2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany

Prelude	"We Three Kings"	Andy Welchel
Welcome and Announcemen	ts	
Responsive Reading		
A star has risen in the east. Star of wonder, star of ni	ght!	
A child is born in Bethlehem. Hark! The herald angels	sing!	

Let us follow the star to Bethlehem And bring our gifts to the newborn Christ.

Let us worship God!

#### Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

God of wonder, God of night, You are holy light in dark places; You are holy darkness when all is too bright. Forgive us, O God, when we turn away from your light: when we follow our own ambitions instead of your call, when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not comprehend the depth of your Christmas love, the meaning of your powerful story, or the call you place on each of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, empower us to follow the star once more and to go home by another way. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Beloved of God, thrill and rejoice in God's goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia and amen.

Moment of Silence/Prayers	of the People	Ken Christy
Meditation "The Light of the World" (	(Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, an	Phyllis Henderson d Paul Mabury)
Written Word		Matthew 2:1-12
Spoken Word		
Benediction		
Dismissal		
Postlude		Andy Welchel

Due to the high Covid numbers and due to trying to keep everyone safe, especially Triune's staff, we will be worshiping online until further notice. We will reevaluate after the holidays (sometime in mid-January).

A newer tradition on Epiphany, which is Jan. 6th, is to hand out star words for this coming year. Due to us not meeting in-person, we've come up with an alternative way to hand out star words. If you'd like one, please email Tandy at <u>tandy@triunemercy.org</u>, and she'll send you one. You can also wait for the announcement on Facebook and then ask for a star word there.