

## ***THE LORD'S DAY***

**December 14, 2025**

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
**there am I** in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

**PRELUDE** – The prelude is a time for heart preparation. It is important that we use this time for preparing ourselves for the privilege of entering the presence of the King.

Welcome and Announcements

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**HYMN** “Christ Returneth!” 147

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**Prayer**

**CHORUS** “The Birthday Of A King” 99

**Special Music**

**Message** **A Season of Hope**

**HYMN** “After” 428

**Benediction and Postlude**

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing  
of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” *Titus 2:13*

## **The Star of Bethlehem**

Not to the king the Star,  
Flaming in light afar;  
Not to the king on his throne apart,  
With fear and hate in his evil heart,  
Speaking smoothly with lying ruse  
To find the new-born King of the Jews;  
Not to the king the flame,  
The light and the glory came.  
Not to the seers the Star,  
Shedding its beams afar;  
Not to the seers with their downbent looks,  
Poring over their ancient books,  
Searching where and pondering when,  
He should be born who is Saviour of men;  
Not to the seers the flame,  
The light and glory came.  
Not to the sword the Star,  
Glowing and bright afar;  
Not to the sword that sought where He lay,  
Callous and cruel and eager to slay;  
Never were bearers of swords so led  
Where helpless and innocent blood was shed;  
Not to the sword the flame,  
The light and the glory came.  
But to the wise the Star,  
Lighting their path afar;  
Unto the wise who truly sought  
With reverent worship and loving thought  
These to the Child the Star could bring,  
To lay their gifts at the feet of the King;  
Unto the wise the flame,  
The light and the glory came.

**- Annie Johnson Flint -**