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Assistant Choir Director.....John Gipple
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Children's Time.....Kim Witkovsky
Audio/Visual.....Dave Witkovsky, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Sheldon Markel**
.....Jeanette Brickner, Jess Dietrich, Bob Drawbaugh, Jeffrey Miller
Coffee/Hospitality.....Jeanette Brickner
Greeters Today.....Sheldon & Doris Markel
Greeters Next Week.....Leonard & Helen Stoner
Nursery Attendant.....Angie Robinson

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need, please contact your deacon or the church office.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

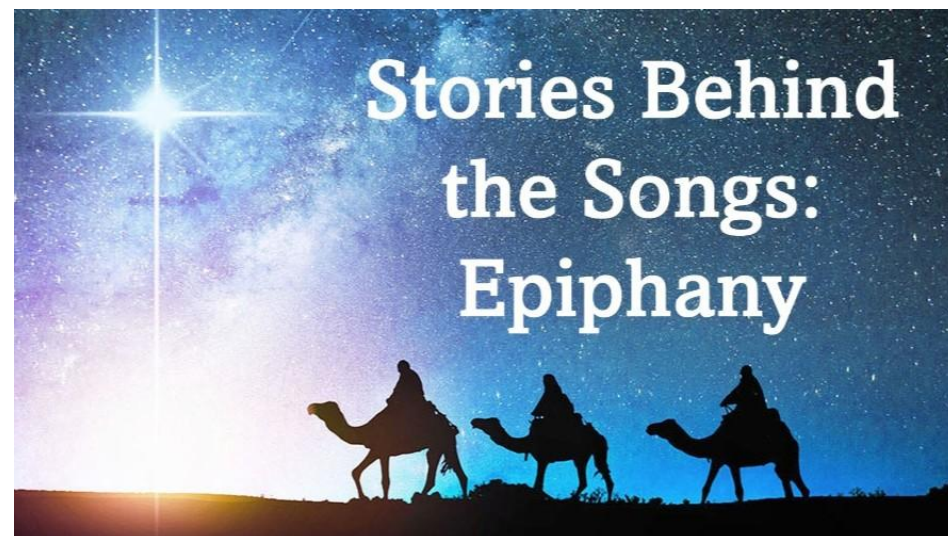
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday

Matthew 2:1-12



January 4, 2026



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*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

Epiphany Sunday

10:30 AM

January 4, 2026

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

WELCOME AND THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

John H. Hopkins, Jr. Arr. Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look! The star of Bethlehem still guides us to Christ!

People: **We follow the light of the star; we seek the one
born to be our king.**

One: The journey does not end at the manger; it leads from
there to paths of service and worship.

People: **Our journey is one of faith. We share our faith
and find new challenge to our faith daily.**

One: Come to worship our King, guided by the star and the
story of his birth.

All: **We come to worship, sharing in his story and
seeking the light!**

*CAROL *"We three kings" (vs. 1,2,3)*

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*PRAYER (together)

O God, may the star of Bethlehem that guided the magi to
the Christ Child lead us to our Christ and King. Grant us
patience, Holy One, to wait for your light to lead us.

Challenge us to persevere in our journeys as did the magi.
Open our voices and lives to proclaim that the King of the
world has been born. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME *"Away in a Manger"*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-8

CAROL AND ITS STORY *"We three kings" (vs. 4,5)*

insert

SPECIAL MUSIC MEDITATION

"We Three Kings"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns

Carol and its story *"What child is this" (vs. 1,2)*

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Prayers of the Church

concluding with the Lord's prayer (together)

CAROLS AND THEIR STORIES

"Silent Night" (vs. 1,2)

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"Hark! the herald angels sing (vs.1,3)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:9-12

CAROL AND ITS STORY *"The first Noel" (vs. 1,3,5)*

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GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving

Offertory *"Christmas Memories"*

Joseph M. Martin

*Offering Response *"What child is this" (vs.3)*

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*Offering Prayer (together)

**Radiant and Holy God, these plates that we present to you
do not hold gold or frankincense or myrrh. But they do hold
gifts that represent our love, our commitment and our
praise. Accept them as we bow before you. May they be
used to reveal your radiant glory to all. Amen.**

*CAROL *"As with gladness men of old"*

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*BLESSING (together)

**May the star which guided the magi to greet Jesus, the Christ,
guide us to the Light of the World. May we take that Light into
the world so that it may guide wanderers to faith. And may
the Light of the World bless us as we go. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

Traditional American Spiritual Arr. Mark Hayes

We kindly request that you be seated for the Postlude or leave quietly
so that others may appreciate the conclusion of the service. Thank you.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Magi from the east came. Matthew 2:1

This Week at a Glance:

Tues	1/6	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wed	1/7	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
		11:30 am	Lunch Bunch – Location TBD
Fri	1/9	8:30 am	Soup Kitchen –
			(Casseroles due at church by 8:30)
		6:00 pm	Church Youth Retreat
			– Sanct/FH/Kitchen/Classrooms
Sat	1/10	10:00 am	Food Pantry 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sun	1/11	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanct.

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1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far -
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty night.
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom -
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain - Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Earth to heav'n re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.