

Celebrate

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026



What do
you fear?

FEAR DOESN'T STOP US

First
Church

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We Gather

Welcome

Song

“Peace Has Come”

Call to Worship

Leader: In the dark of morning,

People: the stars still shine.

Leader: In the depth of winter,

People: the birds still climb.

Leader: At the start of the year, tender and new,

People: God is here. God is near.

Leader: Do not rest in your fear.

People: God is here.

Leader: So like the stars and the birds,

People: Let us worship holy God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

Song

“Light of the World”

Opening Prayer

God of the Stars, like the magi, we come to this place searching for you. So today, just like every day, we ask that you would remove any barricades that keep us from your Spirit. Clear out the distractions. Wipe away the doubt. Open up our hearts, and speak to us through these ancient words. And as you do, we will keep walking. As you do, we will move toward you. With hope we pray, amen.

Proclaiming

Message to Young Disciples

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The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle
Fear Doesn't Stop Us

Responding

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Moment of Generosity

The Peace

Sending Forth

Song

A Christmas Hymn
(To The Tune Of "Come Thou Fount")

Benediction

Postlude



HAPPY
NEW YEAR

*May this Epiphany bring
you the light of Christ.*

PRAYERS

CONCERNS SHARED

RENE REYNOSO, COUSIN OF LETTY MITCHELL
MARISSA ROWE, NIECE OF BARBARA KRAUSE
EMILY MCLAUGHLIN, NIECE OF MARY MAXINE

WR MILLER
MACE WILLIAMS
ALL IN NEED OF PRAYERS

THOSE IN MEMORY CARE

JACK GAUNT PAT STAVER

OUR MILITARY

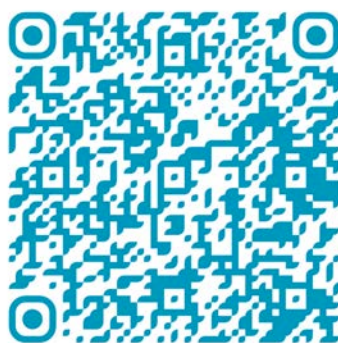
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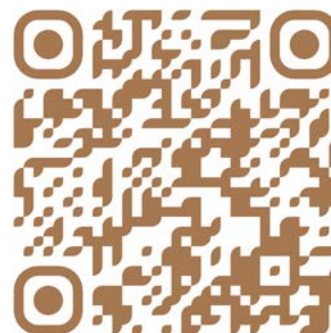
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GET INVOLVED

Feed the Kids

Children in our community may qualify for free lunches at school, but that doesn't help on the weekends. To fill the void, we buy prepackaged food from Food Finders, bag it and deliver it to Edgelea School in Lafayette. Two sets of volunteers pack the food for 20+ children, then our team of drivers deliver it on Thursdays so the kids can take it home on Fridays.

Our volunteers assemble the packages in our basement. They are Judi Forsythe, Jane Rutledge, Terry Wade and Lynne White; the Boyers family: Ellie, Hayden and Brendan.

Want to help? To feed one child it costs \$7 per week, about \$250 per year.



Joyful Jubilee

Last weekend, we invited struggling parents to FUMC to select free toys, gift certificates and food for their holiday celebrations. We served 33 families and 87 children. The community-wide event— Jubilee Christmas— is organized by Lafayette Urban Ministry. Behind the scenes were many volunteers, led once again by Ronda Kroeschen, our administrative assistant. Others included Ronda's husband, Gene; Terry Wade; Cassandra Schomer; John and Jeanne Norberg; Diane Morrison; Diane Dahlgren; Karen Hull; Ainsley Hull; Connie Nicholson; Roberta Zicarelli; Kathy Vill; Carol and Dave Smith; Reid, Grayson and Parker Hochstedler; Ann Caddy, Gail Turco, Traci Trice; Hayden and Brenden Boyers, Benny, Nate, and Edith. But none of this would have been possible if it weren't for everyone who donated toys, money and cookies.



We Can All Do Our Part

- Can you help at the hospitality table on Sundays? Volunteers start the coffee and set out cookies at 8:30 AM Sundays then clean up at 11:15. Kristie Bishop, Virginia Black, Betty Tonsing and Jeanne and John Norberg have learned how and can show you the ropes. Contact jnorberg@purdue.edu or use the signup sheet that is on the counter there. Our next open slots are January 11, 18 and 25.



Peace Has Come

by Ben Hastings, Seth Simmons, and Ben Fielding

Verse 1

Behold the star of Bethlehem
The Word of God has become flesh
Unto us a child is born
The Saviour of this broken world

Chorus 1

Oh hear the angel voices sing
Come let us adore Him
Peace has come
For our King is with us

Verse 2

Fully God and fully man
He comes for all with open hands
He rules with love on David's throne
All praise belongs to Christ alone

Chorus 2

Holy holy holy
Jesus we adore Thee
Peace has come
For our King is with us

Bridge 1

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Light Of The World

by Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, and Paul Mabury

Verse 1

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
O come O come Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing

Chorus 1

Glory to the Light of the world
Glory the Light of the world is here

Verse 2

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love come down
Come down Emmanuel woh
He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah the Prince of peace has come
He has come Emmanuel oh

Chorus 2

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world

Misc 1 (Bridge)

For all who wait for all who hunger
For all who've prayed for all who wonder
Behold your King behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Chorus 3

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Behold your King behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Misc 2 (Ending)

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel

A Christmas Hymn

(To The Tune Of "Come Thou Fount")

by Chris Llewellyn and Savannah Locke

Verse 1

Come now see the Lord of Heaven in a lowly manger laid
King de - serving of a throne room born a poor powerless babe
Oh the mystery oh the wonder somehow God is one of us
Such is greatness in His kingdom He descended to our dust

Verse 2

Christ the Word holy ex - pression of the humble - ness of God
Herald of a prideless kingdom one of sacri - ficial love
Mighty One who made the heavens knelt to wash his brother's feet
And the earth that He cre - ated He be - stowed un - to the meek

Verse 3

King of glory became nothing humbled to the point of death
Stretched His arms out like a beggar and for - gave with His last breath
What God started with a manger ended with an empty grave
Suffering servant now ex - alted Jesus name a - bove all names

Verse 4

Light e - ternal in the darkness He shall not be over - come
Shining over all our shadows every curse has been un - done
Heaven breaks forth like the springtime through the winter of our souls
Now His life is life a - bundant is for - ever ours to know

Verse 5

Come now church let us adore Him tune your heart to sing His grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some mel - odious sonnet sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove
Praise the mount I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's re - deeming love
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