



EPIPHANY

January 4, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**The brightness of God's light shines on all the nations.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God's light.**

*God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
We receive the abundance God gives.*

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

HYMN*

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

150

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

Bruce Harper

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. We have ignored the cry of the poor and helpless. Our hearts are hard in the face of the need of the weak and destitute. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed, but we have placed our trust in callous violence. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving grace.

{silence}

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 60:1-6

Bruce Harper

OFFERING OF MUSIC “*Awake!*”

Adult Choir

GOSPEL* – Matthew 2:1-23

SERMON

“*Wisdom and Memory*”

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE (*A Declaration of Faith*)

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore with all creation we lift our voices, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others and to be the light of the world in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As you return to your seat, you may stop and take a star from the basket offered. Your word is to be a guide and light for the coming year. The stars are small, so they can go in a pocket or wallet for the year.

HYMN* *“Arise, Your Light Has Come”* 744

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 673

**Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven’s everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES