



Sunday, January 5, 2025

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
 Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
 Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Morning Star, Gary R Smoke
How Fair and Bright Text at UMH #247

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship.

**We gather to seek, find,
 and follow the Light.**

Liturgist

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

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Liturgist

The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

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Liturgist

So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**We gather to seek, find,
 and follow the Light,
 today and every day. AMEN.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*
We Three Kings

UMH #254

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**Loving God,
 we confess our sins against you
 and one another,
 and pray that you will fill us with your
 light,
 that we may live our lives as true
 disciples in your name,
 without counting the cost.
 In the name of Christ,
 the one who showed us the way,
 we pray.
 AMEN.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor
 God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.
**God's light is in the world,
 and the darkness did not overcome it.
 God's grace is in the world,
 and our missteps will not overcome it.
 We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia!
 AMEN.**

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
 & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor
 Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY* UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD UMH #219
What Child is This

THE MESSAGE The Reverend Don Ackerman

THE CLOSING HYMN* UMH #249
There's a Song in the Air

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE Gilbert Martin
The March of the Three Kings

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Becky Hall
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Next Sunday, January 12

***Be sure to be here
next Sunday for***

Communion and Baptismal Renewal

Coffee and cookies after church

De-Greening the building after church

*It will be a festive and busy Sunday next week,
and your help un-decorating the church
after the 10:00 am service will be greatly appreciated!*

**Happy
Birthday** 1/5 – James Bagrich
1/9 – Joe DiLauro
1/10 – Annie Almou, Jill Ott

Hymn For the EPIPHANY

By John Wesley

*SONS of Men, behold from far
Hail the long-expected Star!
Jacob's Star that gilds the Night,
Guides bewilder'd Nature right.*

*Fear not hence that Ill should flow,
Wars or Pestilence below,
Wars it bids and Tumults cease,
Ushering in the Prince of Peace.*

*Mild He shines on all beneath,
Piercing thro' the Shade of Death,
Scatt'ring Error's wide-spread Night,
Kindling Darkness into Light.*

*Nations all, far off and near,
Haste to see your GOD appear!
Haste, for Him your Hearts prepare,
Meet him manifested there!*

*There behold the Day-spring rise,
Pouring Eye-sight on your Eyes,
GOD in his own Light survey,
Shining to the Perfect Day.*

*Sing, ye Morning Stars again,
GOD descends on Earth to reign,
Deigns for Man his Life t' employ;
Shout, ye Sons of GOD, for Joy!*

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary

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