



Order of Worship

Sunday January 5th, 2025 | 11am

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Epiphany Sunday

“No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on your spiritual journey...
You are welcome here!”

Our Mission: *We seek to grow in God’s Grace by sharing the message of Jesus Christ through community, compassion, and faith. So we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.*

Our Vision: *We seek to grow in love with Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, people to people, and people to service.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Time - Prepare Your Heart for Worship

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

#2236 in *The Faith We Sing*

Call to Worship/Opening prayer (Responsively)

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.

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

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

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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.

Opening Prayer

Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #254

Sharing of The Peace: We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you".

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Moment

Where Children Belong TFWS # 2233

(As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward)

Message: District Superintendent Mary Maaga
"So Many Ways to Listen, So Many Ways to See"

Hymn Come Thou Almighty King #408

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE

(Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness)

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of light and guidance, just as the wise men brought their gifts to honor the Christ child, we now present our offerings to you. May these gifts, like theirs, reflect our devotion and desire to seek your presence in all that we do. We pray that these tithes and offerings provide hope, healing, and peace to a world in need of your light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #836

***Benediction**

Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come among so that the love of the Christ child may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go. Amen.