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**EPIPHANY SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
JANUARY 4, 2026
10:00 AM**

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Josh Lineberry

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Mike Spetz

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Mary Miller

CHORAL ANTHEM: "O Beautiful Star"

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PRELUDE

Ann Farthing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda Walburn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda Walburn

L: Today we welcome the magi into our Christmas Story.
P: **A story of wonder and light, of angels, shepherds, virgin births.**
L: In the midst of darkness, they chose to follow the light.
P: **Their story gives us hope that God still sends light for us to follow.**
L: We come today knowing we too are on a journey.
All: May we be faithful followers of the light of God so that we too can be bearers of hope and justice for a dark and lonely world.

OPENING PRAYER

Brenda Walburn

OPENING HYMN: "The First Noel" (#234)

Music & Words: Traditional English Carol (1871)

1.) *The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel*

2.) *They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Refrain*

3.) *And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Refrain*

4.) *This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
There it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay
Refrain*

5.) *Then entered in those Wise Men three
Full reverently upon the knee
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense*

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THE DOXOLOGY

#95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

GREET ONE ANOTHER

HYMN: "We Three Kings" Vs. 1,2,5

#254

Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr.

1.) *We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star
Refrain:*

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2.) *Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.
Refrain*

5.) *Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies
Refrain*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Mary Miller

MEDITATION: "Follow the Sign of Jesus' Star"

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

#12

COMMUNION SOLO: "Behold the Lamb"

Joanne Spetz

Words & Music: Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

CLOSING HYMN: "There's A Star in the East"

#2096 FWS

Words & Music: African America Spiritual

1.) *There's star in the East on Christmas morn
Rise up, shepherd, and follow
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born
Rise up, shepherd, and follow
Refrain:*

*Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow*

2.) *If you take good heed to the angel's words
Rise up, shepherd, and follow
You'll get your flocks, you'll forget your herds
Rise up, shepherd, and follow
Refrain*

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BENEDICTION



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13 Week Class beginning January 7, 2026

GRIEF SHARE

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Parlor

TACKLE HUNGER WITH THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those who are
without a bowl of soup to eat"

Bring canned foods to worship
Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 @ 10am
Mt. Carmel Global Methodist Church

Sat. Jan. 3 = 2:00 pm = Lenora Brelsford Memorial Service (S)
Sun. Jan. 4 = 7:30 am = Men's Breakfast (FLC)
Sun. Jan. 4 = 8:45 am = Adult Sunday School, 9:30 am = Kids Church,
10:00 am = Worship (S)-Communion
Tues. Jan. 6 = 6:00 pm = Children/Youth Ministry Mtg.
Wed. Jan. 7 = 5:30 pm = Messy Church (FLC)
Wed. Jan. 7 = 6:30 pm Grief Share (P)
Thurs. Jan. 8 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Jan. 21 = 2:00 pm = Administrative Board (D)
Sun. Feb. 8 = 10:00 am = Souper Bowl Sunday ~ Start collecting cans of soup
to bring to church

Our Weekly Giving December 28, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$	4,904
Offering	\$	545
On-line giving	\$	101
Budget Yr. to Date	\$	257,192
Received Yr. to Date	\$	198,016
		(-59,176)

Thank you for your faithful gifts.

Please remember you can give on-line
while you are away. See information below.

Our Weekly Attendance

Sunday School: 10 Kids Church: 2
Youth & Young Adults 5
Worship Attendance (in person): 46
Worship Attendance (on-line): 10

Birthdays

4 Bill Beeding
8 Bob Howe
9 Parker Newberry



You can now give your tithes and offerings
to our missions fund through Vanco
on our website at
www.mountcarmelmethodist.org.



PRAYER LIST (MEMBERS)

Members in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Hilda Hege (Heritage Woods)
Bob & Elizabeth Kuyper (Heritage Woods)

Others with Prayer Needs:

June Carroll (homebound)
Louanne Whitlow (homebound)
Richard Long (homebound)
L.A. & Jean Topping (homebound)
Joe Chucci (homebound)
Pat Smith (homebound)
Wanda Gordon (homebound)
Mitch Proctor (homebound)
Bill Purcell (homebound)
Rev. Jim Stalnaker (cancer)

Jason Gentry (cancer)
Gabriel Norman
Larry Essex
Vivian Pursell
Bobby Darnell
Jim Wheeler
Kenny Misenheimer
Jane Mathis
Steve Craft
Frances Boles
Diane Wilson (Knee)
Joanne Spetz (Eye Surgery)

WORLD/COMMUNITY PRAYER



NEEDS

Ukraine & Israel (protection/end of war)
US Government to be on Jesus' Shoulders
Persecuted Church in Nigeria & around the world
Mt. Carmel—witness, vision, salvation, joy!
Uganda Global Methodist Conference Beginnings
Forsyth County Prison Ministries
Those who are homeless esp. children
Traveling mercies during the holidays
Christians persecuted in Nigeria