

# Epiphany Sunday

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

#### Call to Worship

Remember the light that shone on us at Christmas?  
Come again to that same light as it continues to shine.  
It brings hope, peace, joy, and love. Come to the light that shines  
only from God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

**HYMN** *VU 74 What Child is This?*

#### Opening Prayer

Shining for all to see, Christ has come. We thank you for  
Christ, our Saviour, with us here on earth. Let us rejoice in his  
presence and power. Open our hearts and minds, that we may  
accept the prince of peace. Open our lives in the year ahead to  
the power and strength of your loving Spirit. Shining in our hearts,  
Christ lives within us with power, wisdom, and love. Grant us  
discernment and protection in this year ahead we pray. Amen.

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

New International Version

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.

This is the word of God for the people of God  
**ALL; Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 91** *The First Nowell*

### **Choir Anthem**

*Your Light Has Come*

*Gifts of the Magi Pageant*

### **Ministry of Music**

*The Little Drummer Boy – Paul, Katie & Trevor*

## Advent Prayer

God of light and revealing grace, as the Magi once followed your star across unfamiliar lands, guide us in this new year toward the brightness of your presence. When the path ahead seems uncertain, give us courage to seek patience to journey, and wisdom to recognize Your signs along the way. Like the travellers from the East, make us tenacious in spirit, ready to serve and be kind to others. Bless this year with new beginnings grounded in hope and days marked by compassion and wonder. May your light shine upon our homes, schools, work and world.

*HYMN VU 81 As with Gladness Men of Old*

## COMMISSIONING AND SENDING FORTH

Rejoice in exceedingly great joy. May the God that shines bright as a star guide those that seek truth. May your path be clear this year and may you be blessed as you go forth from this place today.

### **Benediction:** *As We Leave this Quiet Place*

— Nancy Price, Don Besig

"As we leave this quiet place, the light of Christ will guide us.  
As we share His truth and grace, our Lord will walk beside us.  
May the peace of God be with us as we live and serve in faith.  
May the love of Christ within us show in all we do and say. Amen, Amen."

## Postlude

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*Fitness Mondays returning on January 5, 2026*

*All are welcome!*

*11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall*

*Bring a mat, water bottle and free weights*



*Leading Worship:*

**Rev. Lisa Naumann**

*Music Director*

**Craig Garnham**

**Sunday January 4, 2026**

***Thank you!***

Sandra Cation and all the participants of our Magi Pageant

Philip for Slides and Audio

Paul for Guitar Accompaniment

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## VU 74 – What Child Is This

- 1        What child is this, who laid to rest,  
          on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
          Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
          while shepherds watch are keeping?

### *Refrain*

*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

- 2        Why lies he in such mean estate  
          where ox and ass are feeding?  
          Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
          the silent Word is pleading. R
- 3        So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
          come, one and all, to own him.  
          The King of Kings salvation brings;  
          let loving hearts enthrone him. R

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## VU 91 The First Nowell

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### *[Refrain:]*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
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,  
and 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 their knee,  
and offered there in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

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### **VU 81 – As with Gladness Men of Old**

- 1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your splendour see.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with eager pace  
ever seek your throne of grace.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger crude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide.

5        In the heavenly country bright  
         none shall need created light;  
         you its light, its joy, its crown,  
         you its sun which goes not down;  
         there forever may we sing  
         hallelujah to our King.

*Hymns*