



Epiphany

January 4, 2026

Gathering Music

*"Come and Seek
the Ways of Wisdom"*
(MV # 10)

Welcome



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Announcements

Bible Study



Christian Living

All are
welcome !
Thursday
January 8
@ 7:00 pm
By Zoom

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday
We Love You
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out your candles,
One remains aglow
Its the love-light in your eyes
Where e'er you go
(Repeat)





Lighting the Christ Candle

Lord, may this candle be a light for you to enlighten our decisions in the New Year. May it be a flame for you to build warmth into our heart towards our family, our neighbours and all those who we meet. Amen.

“ God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen ”

Prelude



Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, you brilliantly created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, may you help us to share the divine life of Jesus the Christ who shared our humanity and help us to understand more fully what it means that you are with us, Emmanuel. We love you, and we praise you. Amen.



**R 'I am the light of the world !
You people come and follow me !'
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: *R***

2.

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good
food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above !

**R. 'I am the light of the world !
You people come and follow me !'
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere ! **R**

**R. 'I am the light of the world !
You people come and follow me !'
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the Earth ! **R**

Prayer of Confession

Brothers and sisters...

God of perfect light, may you lead us as we journey through life; forgive us when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt and destroy others; forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us; shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

With light, truth, and grace, God surrounds us with a love that will not let us go. Today God calls us each by name, welcomes us to the manger and into the family of faith, and grants us a peace that the world cannot give.

Thanks be to God ! Amen.

Time with the Young People

by Rev. Yun-Hee



Children Song

“This little light of mine”

*(The children may now
proceed with their guardians
to have sharing time.)*

The Scriptures

read by Colleen

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the Earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Epiphany

The Greek word,
epiphany simply
means
“to reveal” or
“to make manifest”

Refrain

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

1

**When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. *R***

**R A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

2

When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.

It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' **R**

3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help Creation shine,
and this will be a sign:

**R A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R**

Prayers of the People

Holy God of every Epiphany, you are always startling us with new truths, with changes, with a world that doesn't look like we expect. We thank you for startling realisations, hard-won insights, unexpected wisdom...every kind of surprising truth. Thank you for opening our eyes to the infinite stars, and to the ordinary wonder all around us.

Thank you. Even as we thank and praise you, we ask for your help. We are weary of this season, its dazzle and ridiculous expectations. We know how the story ends. Furthermore, we are worried about the stories of our own lives – impossible questions, tough problems, losses and traumas abound.

Help us, God. Send your Spirit into our hearts, remind us we face nothing alone. And yet...there is Jesus. Impossibly, you came to us in a baby, and He changed everything. Humans being human, there were so many different reactions. Some came running. Some stayed behind and looked at books. Some feared losing power, and tried in vain to keep you from coming into our world in a new way.

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know that each of us has a wise person in us, ready to offer the gold of our lives to you. You know that each of us has a Herod within us, stomping our feet, demanding that we, not you, are the kings and queens of our own lives. We run the world, not you. You know that each of us has a Joseph in us, standing quietly and helpfully to the side, watching and loving. And Mary...and the Shepherds...we are multiple. We have many voices in us.

In the silence of the following moments, God, we will write some notes in our hearts. (*Silent prayer*)

Gather up our love, our praise, our hopes, our fears, even our best epiphanies. God, we give it all to you. And we feel you reflecting that love back to us, more manifold than we can imagine. In the name of the Christ child we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU # 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, we have promised that we will pray,
love, and share. May you help us to do so with
enthusiasm and commitment. May all that we offer
be transformed into living gifts of hope and
promise. Praise and glory be yours. Amen.**





Hymn VU#45

“Joy Is Now in Every Place”

- Joy is now in every place,
Christmas lightens every face;
now be with us, in your grace,
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

2 May the star that shone that night,
making your poor stable bright,
fill our hearts with love and light,

Refrain O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

3 Through the New Year let it stay,
leading us upon your way,
making Christmas every day, **R**

4 Now and ever may we find
your good news to fill our mind:
peace and love to humankind, **R**

Blessing

May your days be filled with God's presence, your work be blessed by His favour, and your home be covered by His love.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength, and may His grace be sufficient for you in every season.

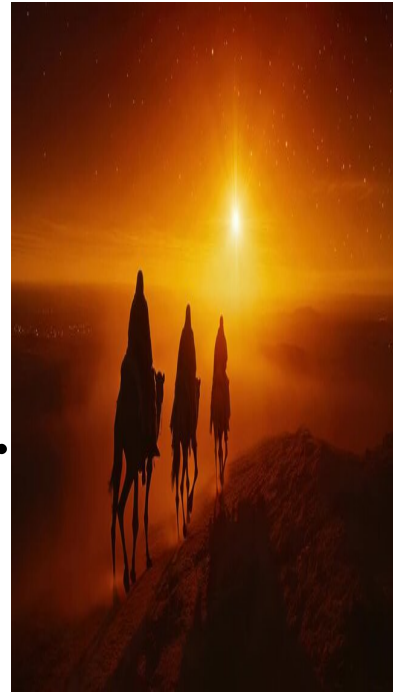
Amen.



Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*



**We thank God for being with us
And
thank you Congregation for worshipping today in person
and by Zoom
And**

for your participation in the Service!
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