

WELCOME!

We are a friendly, active congregation, and you will find many ways to serve and grow here. Please sign the register found in your seat so that we may have a record of your presence. If you would like the church to contact you, please let a greeter know, or fill out a guest card and drop it in the offering plate.

SERVICE NOTES

Parents: To comply with our Safe Sanctuaries Policies, we ask that you accompany your children if they need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason.

A safe, loving, and fully staffed nursery for children age 3 and under is available in the Family Life Center, Room 1.

After the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church, located in the Family Life Center, Room 5. One of our capable volunteers will escort children to the room. At the conclusion of service, please pick up your child(ren) from the Family Life Center, Room 5.

Large print hymnals are available for your convenience.

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth.

Please ask an usher or greeter for any needed assistance.

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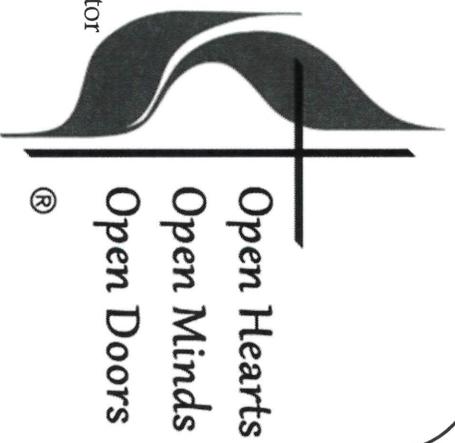
Dr. Jeanie Wozencraft-Ornellas, Choir Director

Ms. Ela Gabitov, Accompanist

Mrs. Trisha Keen, Nursery Care

Ms. Stacey Byrd, Youth and Children Ministries Coordinator

We are all ministers of the Gospel!



**Enter to Worship.
Depart to Serve.**

Sunday, January 4, 2026
11:00 a.m. Worship

Epiphany Sunday

*Resources used from umcdiscipleship.com, re.worship.com,
ministrymatters.com, *UM Hymnal* and *UM Book of Worship*.*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. – Isaiah 60:1

WELCOME AND PRELUDE #247

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #596

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

The darkness that surrounds us is gone!

Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith;

to meet your Gift. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue

to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*HYMN #249

There's a Song in the Air

SCRIPTURE NRSVue

Matthew 2:1-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYING TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE NRSVue

Ephesians 1:3-14

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Canticle of the Epiphany

SCRIPTURE NRSVue

John 1:10-18

SERMON

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid

aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy

pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made

in earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you this day, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season. It seems that we spend so much energy, time, and resources in preparation, and then when it is over, we collapse. We wonder what happened to all the enthusiasm we had. Lord, forgive us for placing our energies in getting and gathering.

Give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Remind us again to look around at the many ways in which we can be of service to you by serving others. Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PARDON #12

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN #173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY #184

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERING PRAYER

Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #13

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #617

HYMN #209

I Come with Joy

Blessed Be the God of Israel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #254

We Three Kings

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION HYMN

A Closing Prayer

*POSTLUDE #644

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

* = You are invited to stand. Bold = All voices.