

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able
(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) The Faith We Sing
(CEB) Common English Bible

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING
L: Shining for all to see, Christ has come. Shining in our hearts, Christ still lives in wisdom, power, and love.

PRELUDE
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP
L: In this holy season of Christmas,
P: Christ comes to us again.
L: In this quiet after the harried days of December,
P: God invites us to pause and reflect.

*OPENING HYMN
We Three Kings - UMH # 254 (1-2)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

ANTHEM
Follow That Star (Wagner) - Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Jesus Loves the Little Children - On Screen

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER
L: Let us pray together ...
A: Christ of power and justice, help us embrace the power that comes from love, and guide us to seek the justice that love reveals. Open our hearts and minds, that we may hear Your wisdom in this time of worship. Open our lives in the year ahead to the power and strength of Your loving Spirit. We pray these things giving glory and honor to You as we come to our time of silent prayer ...

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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, forever. Amen.

CENTERING HYMN
We Three Kings - UMH # 254 (3)

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 2:1-12 - CEB

SERMON
Epiphany - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING
L: As the kings brought their gifts, so now we are invited to share our gifts. May the Spirit flow through us and through our giving in this time of offering and in the year ahead.

OFFERTORY
Impression on “We Three Kings” (A.V. Fedak)

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - UMH # 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Let Us Break Bread Together - UMH # 618 (1-3)

*CLOSING HYMN
We Three Kings - UMH # 254 (4-5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Toccata on “I Saw Three Ships” (M. Setchell)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Linda Benson
Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele
Organist: James Petri
Pianist: Jamie Dyer
Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson
Student Intern: Sela Taupaki
Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

GROW

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.”

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

~ Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB) ~

PRAY

- Rachel Arthur

Bill Boelter

Diane Bruce

Cynthia Ching

Nicole Cummings

Dorothy Dawson

Herschell Evans

Enzo Fadale

Fairris Family

Mary Ellen Flores

Michael Flowers

Eric Gratton

Constance Green

Carlene Hamm

Michael Hamm

Paige Hardin

Hogan Family

Knox Family

Christine McBride

Monell Family

Mary Neher
- Charles & May Parks

Johnathan Phillips

Judy Reeves

Juanita Richards

Laura Richardson

Robecca Sardar

Sam Sardar

Derrick Smith

Charlie & Sela Taupaki

Pat Tobin

Ruthanne Trujillo

Dorothy Wallace

David Walker

Jessica Weber

Bruce & Gail Wested

Charlotte White

All Military Members

All Those Facing War

LB First Responders

Cal-Pac Leadership

CHUMC Leadership

STUDY

- Monday - Isaiah 46:5-11

Tuesday - Hebrews 6:9-20

Wednesday - Matthew 19:16-30

Thursday - Matthew 6:25-34

Friday - 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Saturday - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sunday - Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17



Sunday, January 4, 2026

EPIPHANY

Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

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