

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

 Sandy Adams, Shannon Anna, Betty Barlow, Rachel Cain, Carla Carlton, Glenn Carlton, Grayson Cowart, Richard Crosby, Barbara Fisher, Sheila Foust, Jeff Friesenhahn, Dale Gage, Ray Gomez, Alice Harris, Betty Harris, Nola & Ken Hanson, Frank Harris, Angie Hawley, Kathi Mattes Hernandez, Hasey Hollmig, Blanche King, Jed Knowlton, Angelica Martinez, Alan Massey, Jack & Keith Neumann, Ronnie Nolan, Cynthia Patterson, Sherry Peyton, Mason Plummer, Meleah Plummer, Christine Price, George Riddell, Vicky Sablatura, Dennis Schrank, Debbie Southwell, Lee Taylor, Joy Trimble, Dade Turner, Mike Weems, Bette Wooten, Susan Wright, Hailey Young. Nursing Home: SA NH: Florine Carman, Judith Kuykendall, Sterling Martin Castroville: Albert Castro, Hondo: Ralph Gilliam, Johnny Wilson Our Troops: Erik Arias, Joshua Bruhn, William E. Bryant, Logan Dean, Bryan Franklin, Joe Frank Garcia, III, Logan Petersen

## Upcoming Events:

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**Hondo Methodist Women will meet January 7 at 9:30  
At the home on Pat Ditsch**

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**Please help us taking the Decoration down on January 10 at 10 AM**

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**Charge Conference January 11 at 4 PM at Sabinal Methodist Church**

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## Worship Assistants January 11:

Rev. J. Paul Bruhn Lay Leader: Tricia Boll  
Choir Director: Leon Steward Liturgist: Bo Buescher  
Children's Church: Marcy Rothe Counters: Katelin Buescher & J. McMahon?  
Technical Support: Dee Willman, Roger Garcia, Tricia Boll

## Worship Service

January 4, 2026 Epiphany

### WELCOME

### GATHERING MUSIC

### GATHERING WORDS

*Arise, shine for Your light has come!*

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon us*

**Nations shall come to the brightness of His dawn,  
and kings to the splendor of His rising.**

*Like the Magi, we have followed the star,  
seeking the one who brings hope and salvation.*

**The mystery once hidden has now been revealed –  
Christ is for all people, near and far.**

*Let us bring our gifts of praise and open our hearts,  
for the Light of the World has come!*

**We worship the Christ who draws all people to Himself –  
our King, our Savior, our Light.**

**\*HYMN: # 669 "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

### OPENING PRAYER:

**God of Light and Mercy, we confess that though Your star has risen,  
we often choose to walk in shadows.**

**Like Herod, we have clung to power and fear instead of seeking  
peace; like the Magi, we are slow to worship and quick to wander.**

**Forgive our self-centeredness, our hesitation to follow Your leading,  
and our failure to welcome all people as part of Your great mystery.**

**Shine Your light into our hearts, that we may be renewed by Your  
grace and walk in the way of Christ, our true King.**

**We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**



## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 60:1-6* (NKJV page 1154)

Arise, shine; For your light has come!  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.  
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the people;  
But the Lord will arise over you,  
And His glory will be seen upon you.  
The Gentiles shall come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.  
"Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  
They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar,  
And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.  
Then you shall see and become radiant,  
And your heart shall swell with joy;  
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.  
The multitude of camels shall cover your land,  
The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
All those from Sheba shall come;  
They shall bring gold and incense,  
And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

## HYMN: # 205 "*The Light Has Come*"

## COMMUNITY PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 2:1-12* (NKJV page 1492)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them

what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN: # 175 "*Once in Royal David's City*"

MESSAGE: **IT'S NOT IN THE MAKE-UP** BY PASTOR J. PAUL BRUHN

## HOLY COMMUNION:

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY: # 682 "*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN: # U620 "*One Bread, One Body*" twice

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN: # 589 "*Here I Am Lord*"

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

## Today's Worship Assistants:

Rev. J. Paul Bruhn

Lay Leader: Tricia Boll

Choir Director: Leon Steward

Liturgist: Skie Rozyskie

Children's Church: Nihar Judah

Counters: J. McMahon & \_\_\_\_\_.

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