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8:00 AM

Worship Leader- Barb Hilty
Pianist- Alyssa Wells
Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson
Acolyte- Gianna Canzano
Greeter- Ron & Nancy Smalley
Communion Steward- Jack & Laura Crescenzo

10:30 AM

Worship Leader – Bev Fensch
Pianist- Holly Kwaczala
Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson
Acolyte- Nick Popovich & Alex Patrick
Greeter- Patty & Howard Thomas
Communion Steward- Lynn Pyle

Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion Sunday January 4, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for Your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

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

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

People: Thy mystery once hidden has now been revealed—Christ is for all people, near and far.

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

People: We worship the Christ who draws all people to himself—our King, our Savior, our Light!

*OPENING HYMN

“We Three Kings”

(OGRP Hymnal) Pg. 208

(1) We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
west-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(2) Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Refrain

(3) Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
west-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(5) Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

*PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Bright Morning Star, your light has come, and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as we are able. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14

(NRSV) 192

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OGRP Hymnal) No. 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise Him, all creatures here below;

praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Holy One, your light has come. Your light shines brightly in our humble lives. We place this offering upon your altar as an outpouring of your light within us. Glory hallelujah! Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD**THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

(OGRP Hymnal) Pg. 166

*1. Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
ever more and ever more!*

*2. O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face,
ever more and ever more!*

*3. O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, ev’ry voice in concert ring,
ever more and ever more!*

*4. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
ever more and ever more!*

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to our table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (In Unison)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and left undone. We have not loved you fully, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, Father Almighty. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ; we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living Sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.

Pastor: ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord" (OGRP Hymnal) Pg. 591

*1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to Thee.*

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

3. O, the pure delight of a single hour
that before Thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

People: so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.

Pastor: Go in peace.

People: Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



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