



Epworth United Methodist Church.
Sunday, January 4th 2026
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Steve Taylor

***Call to Worship:**

We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

God, help us find your glory.

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

God, help us notice your glory.

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

God, help us encounter your glory.

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

Hymn of Praise:

UMH 369

Blessed Assurance

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Steve Taylor

Songs of Praise

Praise Band

Let It Be A Hallelujah
New Creation

Offering/Offertory

Rev. Steve Taylor
Jill Mansfield, Piano

Coronation

Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Scripture:

Matthew 2: 1-12(NIV)

Children's Moment

Sermon:

Following The Star

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Service of The Word and Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us
through the prophets.

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

**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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:



"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."
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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead Us Not Into Temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving of the Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*We give you thanks, God, for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Allow us grace to go into the world, strengthened by your Spirit, to give ourselves for others.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen***



Closing Song

Stand In Your Love

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Rev. Steve Taylor

Postlude

Announcements and Information

Coming Up This Week At Epworth UMC

Sunday, January 4th: Prayer Gathering West Wing/Chapel	4:00pm
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH: FOOD PANTRY	1:00pm - 4:00pm.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH: FOOD PANTRY	1:00PM - 4:00PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH: BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP "BOILER ROOM" PRAYER GROUP	8:30AM-9:00AM 9:00AM-10:00AM 10:15AM-11:30AM 4:00PM-5:00PM

Birthdays

Jan. 3rd
Maybree Alexander
Jan. 5th
Rose Ann Plemons
Jan. 7th
Michelle Smirl
Jan. 9th
John Herndon
Jan. 11th
Robert Bates



PLEASE PRAY FOR

U.S. Military	Darleen Harrison	Larry & Sara Jacobson
Law Enforcement	Jim & Rita Roles	Joyce Belville
First Responders	Donna Bingaman	Jeanie Bledsoe
Naomi Dean	Jim & Stella Allen	Samantha Ehrlich
Randy Holcomb	Marsha Alexander	Megan Colvin
Linda McClung	Lou Parrish	
Roy Flugge		

Euella Spoonemore - Mother of Debbie Clark
Phyllis & Tim Michaud - Daughter of Late Sarah Horton
Eric Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Jason Little - Nephew of Suzan Colvin
Toni Clive - Sister of Jeanne Mather
David Watson - Father of Benjamin Watson
Forrest & Misty Rodems - Friends of the Watson Family
Jane Clark - Mother of Rev. Kyle Clark
Barbara Taylor - Mother of Rev. Steve Taylor
John Holdeman - Brother of Jeanne Mather
Jeanice McDonald - Sister of Janice Smith
Kim Gaffney - Friend of Rev. Kyle & Debbie Clark
Cindy Blevins - Friend of Brenda Davidson
Terry & Kristy Fancher - Friends of Tim Brauer
Kenneth Allen - Son of Jim & Stella Allen
Sarah McGovern - Daughter of Judy Jemigan
Family of Joyce Witte
Family of Gary Rogers

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Mornings:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School All Ages
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Prayer Group



5-SESSION
BIBLE STUDY

Priscilla Shirer

New Women's Bible Study starting on Tuesday, February 3th at 9:30am and on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00pm. This will be held in the Parlor. This is a six weeks study. For more information, contact Pam Cooper(405-933-9059) of Carol Farl(405-574-4247)

Breathe
making room for sabbath

LifeWay
Biblical Solutions for Life

**Bible Discussion Group
Starts Back Up January 14th!
5pm in Library
Study/Discussion on
Hebrews**