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Worship – Epiphany Sunday  
Sunday, January 4, 2026

Greeting

Musical Introit

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: The star still shines, guiding seekers toward Christ.

**People: We come to follow the Light of the World.**

## \*Opening Prayer

**O God of radiance and truth, as the Magi followed the light of a distant star, lead us by your Spirit to seek Christ with sincerity and joy. Reveal to us the ways your light shines in our lives today, and draw us into worship, wonder, and faithful obedience. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Song of Praise

*"The First Noel"*

UMH 245

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 2:1-12

*(see addendum below)*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Song of Reflection

Doug Bischoff

Sermon

*"Seeking and Following The Light"*

Rev. Amanda McMurtrey

Song of Response

*"Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies"*

UMH 173

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### 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.***

### Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

\*Doxology

UMH 95

\*Benediction & Sending Forth

\*Song of Sending Forth

*"We Three Kings"*

UMH 254

### Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

**2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. **2** 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." **3** When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. **4** He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

**6** *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."*

**7** Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. **8** 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." **9** 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. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. **11** 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. **12** Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.