



Epiphany



What do
you fear?
LET FEAR FUEL A FIRE FOR JUSTICE

January 4, 2026

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Order of Worship

*SONG OF PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Jaimie Shires

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Klein

Friends, on this Epiphany Sunday we stand at the start of a new year, and there is nothing better about a new year than the chance to begin again. That is exactly what we do in the Prayer of Confession. So may we start this new year, this new season, with God's grace. Let us begin again. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-loving God, we long for Christmas to usher in a season of peace and joy. However, we know that is not how the world works. Even just days after Christmas, we find ourselves face to face with fear once again. Forgive us when we allow fear to stop us in our tracks. Forgive us when our own fear prevents us from following your call. Forgive us when fear is louder than love. Show us how to turn our fear into action. Show us how to live like the magi who searched for you in a fearful world. With hope we pray. . . (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of Faith, whether fear inspires us to action, or stops us dead in our tracks, God's love for us is boundless. We are seen. We are surrounded with grace. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Doxology

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Family of God

(Please stand and pass the peace of Christ.)

**All who are able may stand*

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Klein

God of the stars, like the magi, we come to this place searching for you. We ask that you would remove any barricades that keep us from your Spirit. Clear out the distractions. Wipe away the doubt. Open up our hearts, and speak to us through these ancient words. With hope we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12, 16

SERMON

Do Not Fear: Following

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old

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HOLY COMMUNION

Matthew 20:25-28

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Another Year Is Dawning

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*BLESSING

In a fearful world, may you look for God's Spirit. May you reach for each other's hands. May you choose courage whenever you can. And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with— go in peace and be not afraid. Amen.

*CHORAL AMEN

*PARTING MUSIC

Welcome Guests

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today. If you are our guest, we pray that your experience will nurture your faith and that you feel welcome in this community of faith.

Nursery: Available from 8:45 –11:15 am

Children's Worship: K-2nd Grades

After the Children's Time during the service, staff and volunteers walk the K-2nd grade children to classroom 4 for special stories and activities geared just for them. Parents please pick them up after worship. We invite older children to worship with us. They may use the Prayground quietly or sit with parents in the pews.

Wiggle Room: At the back of the sanctuary you may take advantage of the Wiggle Room, available for all ages. The service is piped in so you won't miss a thing.

Calendar

Sunday, January 4 Epiphany	9:00 am 10:00 am	Epiphany Celebration Worship
Monday, January 5	1:00 pm	Preschool Closed Human Resources
Tuesday, January 6	7:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday, January 7	7:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Bibles No Bagels Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal

Remember in Prayer

Margo Grout, Brant Newland, Bill Salisbury (Tammie Wright's father)

Please complete the welcome card located in your bulletin and place it the offering plate.

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