

Calvary United Methodist Church

January 4, 2026 – 10:30 AM

Epiphany of the Lord



**Please stand, if able.*

The Faith We Sing Hymnal = TFWs

The United Methodist Hymnal = UMH

GATHERING

Welcome, Joys, and Concerns

***The Peace** (Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.)

“Family of God”

Back of Hymnal

Prelude Worship begins with the ringing of the bell, the lighting of the candles and the piano prelude. Please use the time during the prelude for personal prayer and meditation in silence, preparing for worship.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: We have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate the wondrous gift given to us in Jesus Christ.

People: We'll praise the name of Jesus, born for our sake, crucified and risen!

***Hymn** We Three Kings”

UMH No. 254

***Opening Prayer**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible Pg. 1155)

***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible Pg. 1497)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Vs 1-2 UMH No. 382

Message “Search On!”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have. Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged, justice and righteousness fulfilled. Help us to share your love, even as you became love to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: People of Advent: the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: People of Christmas: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts overwhelmed with grace to the One who was born for us.

Pastor: People of the Star, offer your songs of joy and thanksgiving to God.

People: We will sing our praises to the One who has revealed glory and hope in the Babe of Bethlehem.

Pastor: . . . and we join with them and with all people to praise your holy name:

People: Holy Lord, God of endless love, heaven and earth are surely full of your glory. The angels sang of it - we have been lavished with it. Blessed is One who was born that we might have life. Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.

Pastor: . . . And when eternity's time begins and we are gathered around your Table, with friends and family we loved, with all our sisters and brothers of grace, we will lift our songs of glad joy to you, God in Community, Holy in One.

People: Amen.

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 of Our Tithes and Offerings

As you come forward to receive the bread and cup, you may present your gift, tithe and offering to the Lord by placing it in the offering plates.

SENDING FORTH

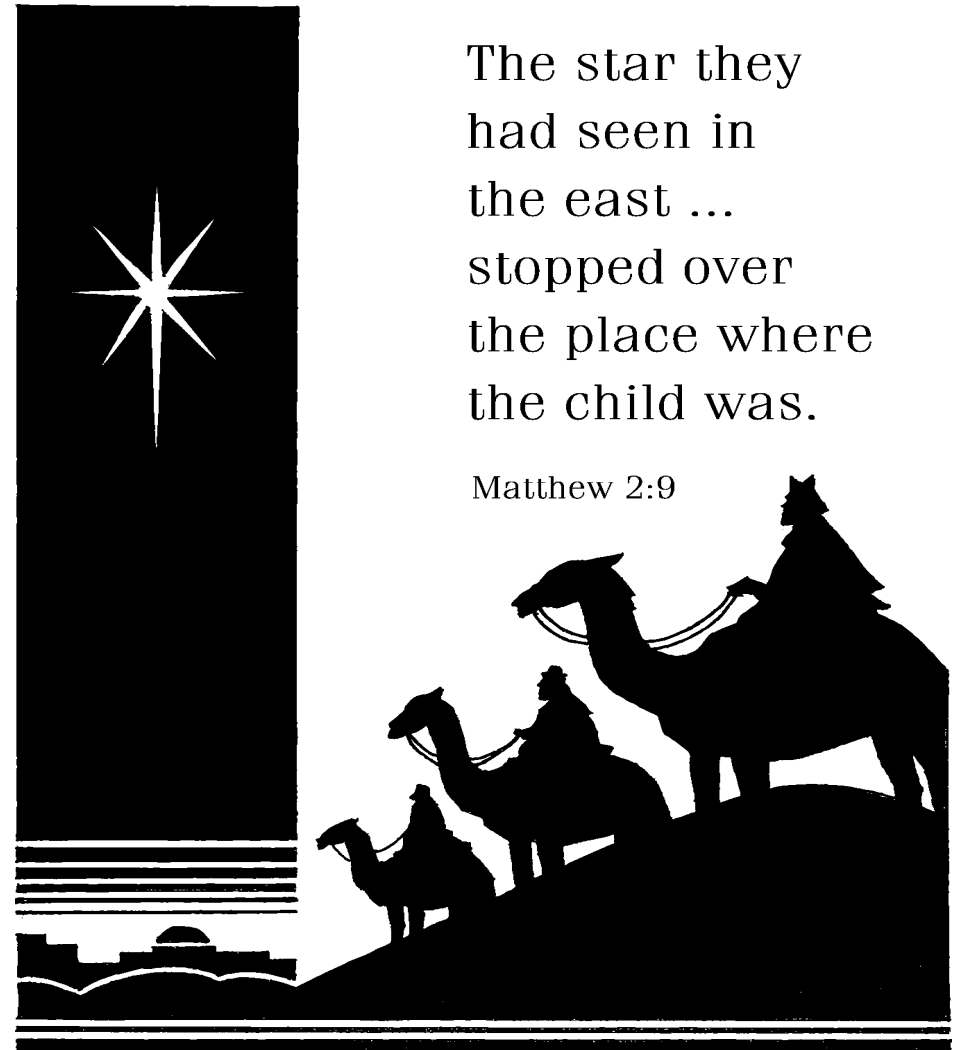
Hymn 'Joy to the World' UMH No. 246

***Benediction**

*Choral Benediction
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH No. 204

***Postlude**

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The star they
had seen in
the east ...
stopped over
the place where
the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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Sherri Donley

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