



Epiphany January 4, 2026

Preaching
Laurel Neufeld Weaver

Worship Leader
Darryl Nester

Pianist/Organist
LuAnn Stuckey

Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship *Christ, Be Our Light* VT 715
Refrain (1st time): Chancel Choir Stanza 5: Laurel Neufeld Weaver, soloist
Refrain (2nd time): All sing

Welcome, Announcements, Centering

Epiphany Litany

One: We celebrate as we reflect in amazement at what you have done. You muted the flames of our fears with hope.

Many: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

One: You resurrected the dry bones of our spirits with peace.
You quenched our thirsty souls with living water of joy.

Many: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

One: You came to be among us, to show us the way in love.
You have called us to follow you and walk the path of mercy and grace.

Many: Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!

All: Lead us forward so that we too may carry your Christ-light into the world!

Prelude *All Glory Be to God on High* J.G. Walther

Invocation

*Opening Hymn *As with Gladness* VT 277

*Responsive Reading – Based on John 1:35-51

One: The invitation has been spoken: “Come and see.” The door to a stable stands open. The way is before us.

Many: We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder; ready to follow, open to the unexpected.

One: “You will see greater things than these,” Jesus says.

Many: We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name, who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

All: We come, ready to follow, ready to see, ready to be amazed!

Telling God’s Story

Conversation with Children Jeff Gundy & Tim Byers
Christ Is a Candle VT 211
v. 5 Coming forward and returning to seats

Chancel Choir *We Have Seen the God of Glory* arr. J. Vyhanck
LuAnn Stuckey, director; Judy Steiner, piano

Community Prayer *The Lord’s Prayer* Carrie Mast
James W. Bixel
back cover of HWB

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Ron Headings & Bruce Steingass

Message *Be Amazed! Come and See*

Living God’s Story

*Hymn of Response *Come and See* VT 282

Offering and White Gifts

Invitation

Offertory *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* P. Nicolai/K. Hildebrand

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* VT 273

*Benediction

*Postlude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* P. Nicolai/J. Blersch

** Please rise in body or in spirit – VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)*

*Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to come back.
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*