



*We are called by Jesus Christ
to worship, make disciples, and serve.*



Epiphany Sunday

Traditional

January 4, 2026

Welcome

Rev. Carol L. Pazdersky

Prelude

Gary Lushbaugh – Music Director

*Call to Worship

Barbara Thompson

O God of light and peace:

Your glory shines in the Child of Bethlehem.

You draw the nations to yourself -

And dispel the darkness that shrouds our path.

This day, we come to kneel before Christ in true worship.

We offer him our hearts and souls in prayer, praise, and proclamation.

O come let us worship Christ the Lord!

*Carol

“There’s a Song in the Air”

UMH 249

Prayer of Intention: A Covenant Prayer in the Wesley Tradition

Let us pray:

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-6

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah^[c] was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

*Carol

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

UMH 237

Epiphany Prayer (*attributed to Alcuin of York, 8th century*)

Let us pray: **Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Let us seek your face with all our heart and mind and soul and strength that we may be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

“Epiphany”

M. Wilson

Chancel Choir

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:7-12

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Epiphany Carol

“We Three Kings”

UMH 254

Message

Offering our Finest Gifts to God

Offertory

*Doxology

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vv. 3-4)

UMH 220

Prayer of Dedication

Bright Morning Star: **Your light has come and the birth of Jesus has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the magi, we are drawn to your light and offer you the best we can give. Receive our hands, heart, head, and holdings that your glory may shine upon those in need of hope and help. Amen.**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of Communion

UMH 15

*Carol

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH 251

*Benediction

*Postlude

Also serving the community in worship:

Ushers – Ed & Gail Mathus

Acolytes – Leah Klemm & Faith Klemm

Altar Guild – Cathy Zink & Sue Garrison

Communion Stewards – Cheryl Stephens & Mary Smith

Tech Support – Jacob Smith (video), Winston Bain & Hannah Warren (audio), Cheryl Kempler (ZOOM)

Counting Team – Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft, Anita Obinger

Children’s Sunday School Facilitator – Karen Warren

Adult Studies Facilitator – Sue Garrison

KNOWN PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Insiders	Special Concerns	Recently Bereaved
<i>Shirley Curtain, Dottie DeCarlo, Helen Fringo, Mary Lynn Lentz, Robert Lentz, Jackie Potter, Mary Foster, Betty Conrad, Florence Littleton</i>	<i>Marvin Gyr, Dave Kalendek, Dave Whitson, Edna Halcott, Cheryl Welsh</i>	<i>The Fringo & Diggs Families upon the death of Douglas Fringo</i>

We want to know about the gift of your presence with us today. Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad found in each pew.

Visiting today? We are so happy that you chose to worship with us. If you have any questions about our missions, ministries, or outreach opportunities, any of our members would be glad to answer them! If you did not receive a Welcome Packet when you came in, please ask for one as you leave today to learn more about our church.

Interested in membership? If the Spirit is moving you to make a commitment to Camp Chapel with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact the church office: 410-256-5561 or office@campchapel.org.

THIS WEEK AT CCUMC

Sunday 1/4	Monday 1/5	Tuesday 1/6	Wednesday 1/7	Thursday 1/8	Friday 1/9	Saturday 1/10	Sunday 1/11
9:30a Sunday School 12p Bible Study Christmas Party	7:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal	7p Trustees	11a J.O.Y 7p Band of Brothers	730p Chancel Choir Rehearsal			9:30a Sunday School