



*As I have loved you,
so you must*

Love one another.

*By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples.*

JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV®)

Rev. Abigail, Guest Minister
Buffy, Liturgist
Judy, Music Tech

January 4th, 2026

Epiphany

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING *Jeremiah 31: 7-14* (pg 734 [898 LP] OT)

TIME OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, good friends, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: The angels' song is now ours to sing! Shepherds'
sheep are now ours to tend!

Leader: The Stable is once more a stable. The Kings have
come and offered their precious gifts to the Child.

People: And the Star leads us on, laden with treasure;
the "light," our own – God's Love to carry, as we
journey on!

*HYMN #28

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy God, Child of Bethlehem, Light of Eternal Love in our hearts, you are more to us than we will ever know, more than we will ever need to keep this journey of life you lead us on, and yet we still fear the dark. Forgive us, Dear Lord. Secure our trust, for your Love is steady and your Way is true. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalms 147: 12-20* (pg 582 [716LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Ephesians 1: 3-14* (pg 192 [234 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *John 1: 1-18* (pg 91 [111 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Abigail

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #63 *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Service of Communion

*HYMN #513 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Bread and juice will be served and we will partake together.
All bread is gluten free; wine is in the middle circle of the tray.*

PRAYER (*Ubison*)

Through the light of your Son you guide us, Dear God; leading us to keep our lives in communion with you and with each other. Bless us to rise from this Table and go into this year, rededicating our hearts to your will for our lives. May we love you wholly and serve you fully. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

HUNGER FUND OFFERING

*This offering is a Special Collection taken on Communion
Sundays to help those in need within our community*

MINUTES FOR WORSHIP

Anita

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*HYMN #411

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

