



The Order of Worship

January 4, 2026
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Voluntary on *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Aaron David Miller
CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons

One: As the sun climbs from the horizon
All: God's presence endures with us.
One: As the clouds mask the sun's warming presence,
All: God's presence remains with us.
One: As the sun drifts back to the horizon,
All: God's presence lingers with us.
One: As light rests until morning,
All: God's presence persists with us.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 666** *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
**Holy God, Holy Light who abides within our souls,
We have hoarded the light - thinking we will spend it on a rainy day.**

**We have stashed the light far away from our neighbors.
We worry: Would they steal our light from our souls?
Would we have enough illumination when the clouds roll back in?**

Through your eternal, inspirational light, encourage us to share the light with our neighbors.

**May this light feed the hungry, house the homeless, care for the sick.
May this light draw us closer to one another.
May we become people moved by the brilliance of Christ. Amen.**

***RESPONSE** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
***RESPONSE** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ is born to save!**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Melanie Lewis
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3:1-12
SERMON "Open Source Lighting" Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN** Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and lathe: be there at our labors and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:00) *The First Noel* arr. Penny Rodriguez
(11:00) *In Thee Is Gladness* Charles Villiers Stanford
In Thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart! By thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art! Our souls thou wakest, our bonds thou breakest, Who trusts thee surely, hath built securely, He stands forever: Hallelujah! Our hearts are pining, to see thy shining, Dying or living to thee are cleaving, Nought can us sever. Hallelujah!

Text by Johann Lindemann, trans. Catherine Winkworth
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
One: In the beginning, you brought light into darkness at this table.
And with all your children every where we sing:
Many:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus) St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
in the name_ of_ the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

One: As we come, drawn to the warmth and wonder.....
As we share the same meal you, Lord, have shared
with disciples, with enemies, with the church through the ages,
may our eyes be opened and may we recognize you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.
The bread and cup can be consumed as they are received.
All pre-cut bread is gluten free.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(9:00) Of the Father’s Love Begotten arr. Craig Phillips
(11:00) Silent Night, Holy Night Paul Laubengayer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE 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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 744** Arise, Your Light is Come! FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION** (Responsive)

A: As you leave this place,
may you have the wisdom to lean on one other.
B: May you have the courage to hold onto hope,
the compassion to do the good that is yours to do,
and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing.

A: For in a world full of dead ends,
God invites us to begin again.

B: So start here.

A: Start now.

B: Start with love and begin again.

**All: In the name of Christ,
our new beginning,
go in peace.**

***POSTLUDE** In Thee Is Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ginger Williams and Michael Yates

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Sariah and McKenzie Beeler

GREETERS: (11:00) Anne Crais and Amy Rawe

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Wiesehuegel

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Richard and Kay Ward on honor of the Flower Guild for enriching our worship each week and especially during the holidays.

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children’s Church for children Preschool through 5th grade

Children will be walked to Children’s Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00am

1) Adult Bible Study is reading the Book of Acts. (Prayer Room)

2) Advent Sunday School Class in the McKinnon Room, finishes up this week with a lesson on the Magi. The class is based on Dr. Amy-Jill Levine’s book, *Light of the World*.

All Adult classes will resume on 1/11

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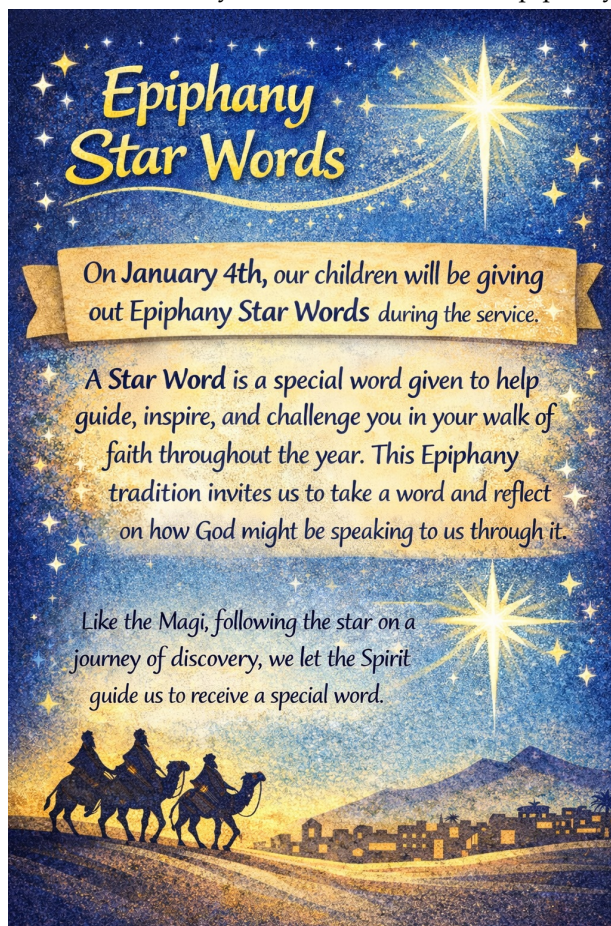
JANUARY 4TH Youth Group: Senior Highs Only 5 - 7 PM.

Senior High Kick Off Party at the Brewington's!!!!

JANUARY 7TH Youth Group - Middle School Only 6-8 PM.

Middle School Kick Off Party in the Youth Room! More details to come.

OUR EPIPHANY STAR The Star hanging above the choir is the product of many, many hours of diligent work from Westminster artists of all generations, including many WPC children who worked on it throughout Christmas Craft Night! Over the past few weeks, our artists gathered to trace, paint, and stitch together this beautiful piece of art to adorn our Sanctuary for the Christmas and Epiphany season



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Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Benjamin Dockter, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

5:00-pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00 pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, January 6

10:00am - Staff Epiphany party

10:00 - Staff Meeting

11:00am - Program Staff

Wednesday, January 7

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 8

8:30am - Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

10:30am - Women’s Bible Study

1:00pm - FISH

6:30pm - Wine and the Word (LKH)

Saturday, January 10

10:00am - Yoga with Gail Corey

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Youth Elder: Bobby Powell

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

Class of 2028

Amanda Fox

Mary Jo Mann

Tim Ryan

Ginger Williams

Michael Yates

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