

Epiphany occurs in the church calendar on January 6th following Christmas. Meaning ‘manifestation’ or ‘appearance’, it celebrates the revelation of Jesus as a Light for the world and calls us to live God’s mission—announcing the good news of Christ’s arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street. We, the church, are sent as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world.
--from *Seeking God’s Face* by Phil Reinders

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, you spoke your Word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that Word again so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

*At the sign * please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHER *God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin, and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.*

Prelude *A Shield About Me* Thomas
 Mighty To Save Fielding

Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship*

The earth is the Lord’s for he made it:

Come, let us adore him.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore him.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come, let us adore him.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths will proclaim your praise.

*SONGS: *Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name* LUYH 500:1,3,4,5
 Your Grace Is Enough LUYH 698

Call to Confession – from John 3:19, NLT

“God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.”
Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, renew us by your Spirit, that we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Encouragement – from John 1:9, 12, NLT

“The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. To all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”
This is the good news.
Thanks be to God!

*SONG: *Ten Thousand Reasons* LUYH 559

**Passing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Children’s Time - Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited up front for a brief message and blessing and then dismissed to Children’s Worship.

Children: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Morning Prayers

