

*Sunday, January 5, 2025*  
*Epiphany of our Lord*  
*10:00 AM*

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and proclaimed for all people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.



**Welcome to Worship!**

***As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.***

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!** Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

**Health Practices** in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

**VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS**

**Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.**

**Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

N. Paganini

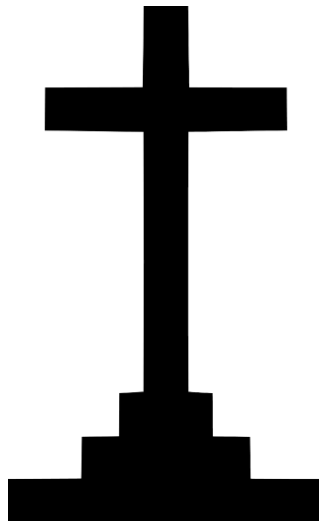
*Olivia Brown, violin; Elaine Koga, piano*

## WELCOME

*Pastor Lara*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.  
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*



HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
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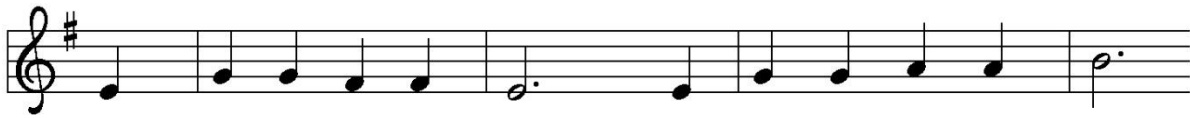
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 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Silence for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter,  
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.  
We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a  
baby in a manger.  
We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier  
packaging.  
Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways.  
Grant us the grace to begin again.  
Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus  
Christ, who gives himself for us.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!

You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

**Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. O God,  
**on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

Pastor Lara

*You can find the story in your Spark Bible pg. 218*

# **WORD**

## **Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God.  
**Word of Life.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, 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 was to be born. They 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.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*You may be seated.*

**SERMON**

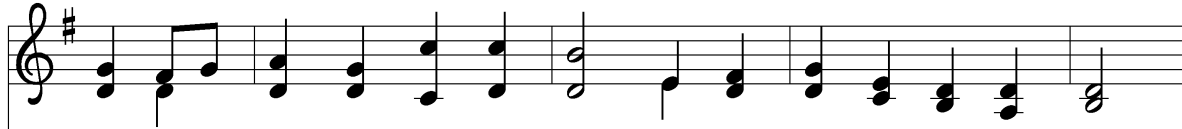
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*Please stand as you are able*



HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **Apostles' Creed**

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,  
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy \*catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they  
want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition, the leader will say, "God of grace".  
Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

## **THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.***

*Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

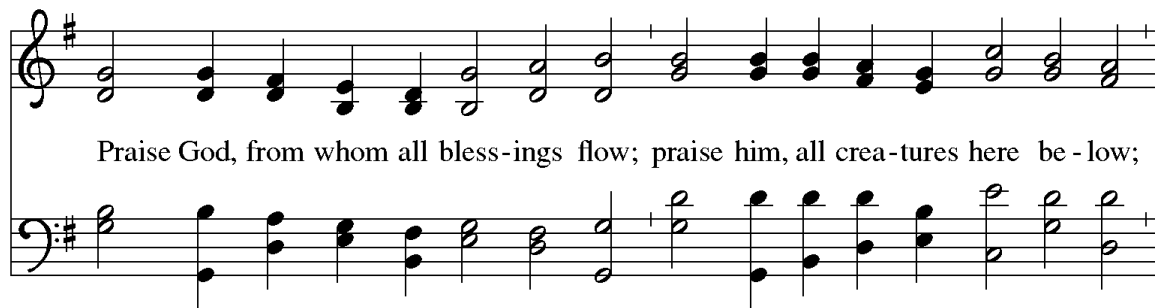
**OFFERING** Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



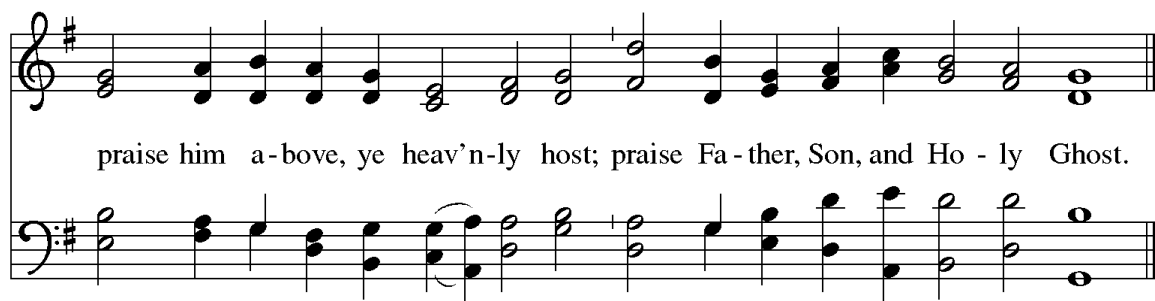
**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "Meditation from *Thais*" Massenet (transc. Marsick)  
*Miguel Lim, violin; Elaine Koga, piano*

## OFFERTORY VERSE

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God of heaven and earth,  
**from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.**  
**Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus**  
**of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.**  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

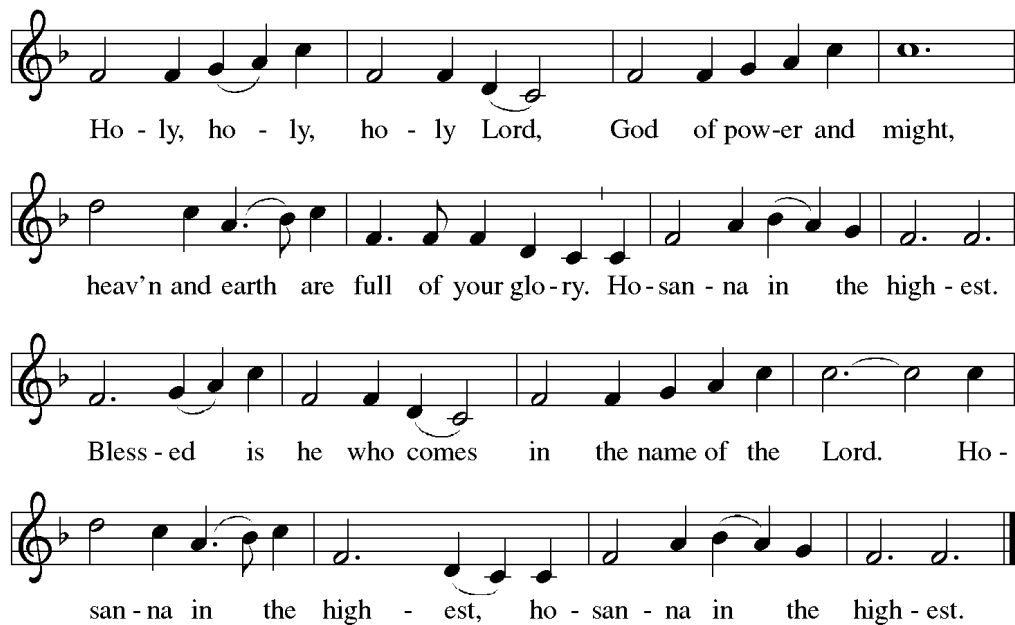
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together. Nourishing God,  
**at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing*

### **BLESSING**

God all mighty, God most merciful, bless you, keep you, ✠ and give you peace.  
**Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN

### Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The second and third lines are shorter and serve as variations. The fourth line is the longest and includes the phrase 'burst in song!'. The score concludes with a double bar line.

## SENDING

*All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“Doxology”  
Elaine Koga, piano

arr. Hayes

**Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:**

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*  
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*  
Amy Baro, *Assisting Minister*  
Elaine Koga, *Pianist*  
Olivia Brown, *Violin*  
Miguel Lim, *Violin*  
Joyce Nelson, *Lector*  
Sonja Wetmore, *Acolyte*  
Mark Davis and John Nelson, *Ushers*  
Karin Eklof and Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*  
Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream video*  
Johannes Grad, *Audio*  
Stella Nieman and Mikel Oswald, *Greeters*  
Shirley Hobson and Sarah Cannon, *Coffee Hosts*

(Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry ([sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church)) to greet or coffee host!)

**Worship Texts for January 12**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Isaiah 43:1-7**  
**Luke 3:1-22**



Jesus calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world full of alienation and brokenness. Being transformed by the love of God to direct our actions, we seek to live out our church's mission statement: "Growing together in Christ to love and serve all people." St. Andrew's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Living into our mission of growing together in Christ to love and serve all people, we welcome and will include everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, race, culture, neurodivergence, ability, age, addiction, relationship status, economic circumstance, or other distinction.

**LITURGY and MUSIC:**

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**Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting on  
Sunday, January 26, 2025. 11:15 AM.**

**Calendar for the Week**

**Sunday, January 5**

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum  
Sunday School (pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr)  
Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:00 AM Worship

**Monday, January 6**

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Comm.  
1:00 PM Staff  
4:00 PM Executive Committee

**Tuesday, January 7**

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle  
10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Lara

**Wednesday, January 8**

1:00 PM Congregational CARE Team  
4:00 PM Adult Education Planning

**Thursday, January 9**

**Friday, January 10**

*Office is closed*

**Sunday, January 12**

*Baptism of Jesus*

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum  
Sunday School (Pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr)  
Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr)  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM **Sunday Lunch Bunch**

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**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

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