



**January 5th, 2025 | FIRST TRADITION 11:00 AM | Epiphany
Sunday**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

James Stanley

Dawning of the Day Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Rev. Natasha Murray

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 206 †

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light |.United Methodist Hymnal

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

Rev. David C. Freeman

May the peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 215 †

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY †

**O God,
you made of one kinship all nations,
and, by a star in the East,
revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel.
Enable us who know your presence with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen,**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE †

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

SONG

**Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones
to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves
me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me– the Bible tells
me so.**

CHILDRENS TIME

Rev. Brittany Richardson Watson

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HYMN 254 †

We Three Kings United Methodist Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON †

Melanie Churchill

Matthew 2: 1-12 | Pew Bible, New Testament Page 1

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Rev. Natasha Murray

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OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir, Tim Bartlett soloist

God Fashioned Love Carol Muehlig

DOXOLOGY 94 †

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

INVITATION TO COMMUNION †

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING †

The Lord be with you.

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Lift up your hearts.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP

Communion hymns can be found on pages 202, 214, 204 in the United Methodist Hymnal.

SENDING FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

VOCAL SOLO

Kelley Ponder

The Work of Christmas Dan Forrest

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP †

CLOSING HYMN 660 †

God is Here | United Methodist Hymnal

During the singing of the hymn, individuals desiring to join the church are asked to come to the chancel so the pastors may offer membership vows and welcome you to the congregation.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS †

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION †

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION †

Chancel Choir

The Lord Bless and Keep You | Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

James Stanley

O Almighty and Merciful God Robert J. Powell

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00 am First Word (Cokesbury)

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am First Tradition (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm First Arts Sundays (First Cup Café)
5:30 pm Canvas Community Worship

Monday, January 6, 2024

9:00 am Flower Girls
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2024

7:00 am Tues Morning Bible Study
9:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Worship Planning
1:00 pm Community Café
4:15 pm FANN

Wednesday, January 8, 2024

9:30 am CDC Chapel
1:00 pm Community Café
5:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2024

10:00 am PALS Group

12:00 pm Caregiver