

Pastors Letter

“Glory Revealed: Checking Our Attitude as We Carry the Light”

Dear Beloved Community,

As we step into this new year together, I find myself thinking about light—not just any light, but the Light that came into the world and changed everything. The season of Epiphany invites us to celebrate that the glory of God has been revealed in Jesus Christ, and with that celebration comes a holy question: So what?

It's not enough to simply admire the light. The magi didn't travel all that way just to see a beautiful star—they followed it to encounter the Christ child, and then they went home “by another way.” The light changed them. It set them on a new path. And so we must ask ourselves: What does this light do for us, to us, and what will we do because this light has been revealed?

This month, we're embarking on a worship series called “Glory Revealed: Check Your Attitude!” I love the playfulness and the challenge in that title. We're not just passive recipients of God's glory; we're called to examine our posture, our perspective, our very way of being in the world now that we've seen the light.

Throughout this month, I invite you to do your own attitude check. How are you orienting yourself toward the light that has been revealed? Are you making space to notice God at work? Are you living into your baptismal identity as a beloved child of God? Are you allowing your life to reveal something of God's glory to those around you? Are you choosing love over fear? Are you doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly?

This is the gift of Ordinary Time—these weeks between the spectacular celebrations of Christmas and the solemn journey of Lent give us space to work out the substance of our faith in the ordinary moments of our lives. Ordinary time is when the light of Epiphany becomes the light we carry into our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our homes, and our hearts.

As we begin this new year together, let us renew our covenant with God and with one another. Let us commit once again to follow the light, to be the light, and to trust that the One who called light into being at creation is still speaking light into our lives today.

May this be a year when we see with new eyes, love with courageous hearts, and walk humbly with the God who is our light and our salvation.

In the light of Christ,

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