



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
JANUARY 4, 2026  
8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP**

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow, flood the nations  
with grace and mercy

Send forth Your word Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### SONG OF REFLECTION

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"* #189

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
O Thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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## OFFERTORY

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 2:1-12*

<sup>2</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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."  
<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'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.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### SERMON

*"Recalculating"*

Rev. Richard Luna

### COMMUNION CONSECRATION

### SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

### COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

*"Emmanuel"*

#204

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel

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*"One Bread, One Body"*

#620

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many through the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all.

*"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

#351

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in Heaven but Thee?

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

#397

I need Thee every hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son.

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**SONG OF INVITATION**

*"We Three Kings"*

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity night;  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

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**SENDING FORTH**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Be Born in Us"*

Be born in us, O Holy Child,  
And let the light of Your love shine within our lives.  
Be born in us, O Prince of Peace,  
Let the hope You bring this world be born in me.

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**GOING FORTH**

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's  
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.  
Amen.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Randy and Mattie Clarke as we begin anew. May  
this year bring hope and purpose.*

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Thank you.*



