

Epiphany Sunday
Service of Word and Table
January 4, 2026 at 11:00AM

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Gammill

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Barnes

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“We Three Kings” No. 254 (vs. 1, 5)

The Children’s Moments

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Sorenso

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

****The Prayer for Illumination*** see insert

****The Gospel Lesson*** Matthew 2:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

****The Gloria Patri***

The Sermon

“What Are They Doing Here?”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Invitation to Holy Communion No. 12

The Confession, Pardon, and Peace No. 12

The Great Thanksgiving No. 13

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“What Child Is This?” No. 219 (vs. 1, 3)

SENDING FORTH

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****The Choral Benediction***

“Joy to the World” Handel

****Postlude***

“The First Noel” arr. Gammill

***The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory or honor of
those listed in the poinsettia booklet.***

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Offering – The Communion offering this month will go toward our Christ at Home fund which offers over fifty meals to some of our church members and other local residents each month.

Poinsettias -Today is the last poinsettia Sunday. Everyone, please take poinsettias to individuals who you feel could use some extra cheer.

Office Reopening – The church office will be closed to the public until tomorrow, Monday, January 5, 2026, for the holidays. There will be a newsletter on Tuesday, January 6th.

Church Activities – All regular church activities will resume this week.

Lunch Bunch – The Lunch Bunch will go to lunch at Georgia Blue in Starkville on Friday, January 16. Call Gail Foote or Donna Cook to sign up.

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***Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor
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