Prayer Concerns

Those affected by gun violence
Those suffering from mental
illness, addiction & homelessness
Karen & Tom H., sister and brother-

in law of Jeff R.

Sally C.

Janis J.'s brother, Kirk Nadine B., lifted by Alice W.

Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A. Dave S., brother-in-law of Jan C.

Michael M., nephew of Jan C. Becky & Dee, lifted by Claudia T.

Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.

Phil T., lifted by Carolyn B.

Jim S. Kelly P.

Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.

Carolyn B. Jennifer G.

Mario R., Meals piano player

Pat, CJ C.'s mother

Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law

Nate R.

Bunny, cousin of Liz L.

Vicki and her family, daughter of

Rae and Walt S.

Chris & Ava K., lifted by Jean S.

Ken G., lifted by Barb B.

Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle Bev C., Deb C.'s mother

Lois D.

John, lifted by Mary B.

Keith A. Judy L.

Carl, friend of Joel & Deb C. Sarah J.'s brother, Billy Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Joan H.

Martha, lifted by Janis J.

Ray S. Joan T.

Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.

Jan C. Judi W. Will S.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Susan L.
Randall S.
Barbara B.
Bill & Marilyn R.
Doris, friend of Sally C.

Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's, father

Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.

Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul &

Claudia T.

Paul T.'s mother, Alice

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/7 James Bridges 1/10 Morgan Chapman

Today's Worship Leaders

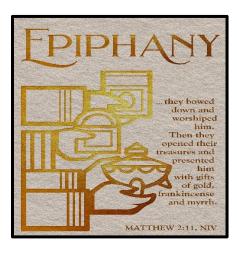
Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle

Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Second Sunday after Christmas Day/Epiphany

January 5, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude Epiphany Prelude "Eastern Sages His Cradle" Winfred Douglas

*Call to Worship

Greg Lavelle

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.

*Unison Prayer

Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

*Hymn What Child Is This UMH 219

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance and Pardon

L: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

P: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem What did the Star See? Joseph M. Martin

*Prayer for the Offering

*Doxology UMH 94

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn We Three Kings UMH 254

Sermon "Gifts for the New Year" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Singing Responses: TFWS 2257 (b, c, d)

Hymn We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569

Benediction

Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come so that the love of the Christ child may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go.

Postlude La March de Rois (March of the Kings)

arr. Bernard Dewagiere

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

*Please stand if you are able.