



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 4, 2026

PRELUDE “Noel! Tidings of Comfort and Joy” (Kristina Langlois)

INTROIT “Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)”

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

People: The light of Christ has come!

One: See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

People: The light of Christ has come!

One: Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: The light of Christ has come!

***CAROL** “The First Noel” (#229 vs. 1-3,6)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, though we are in awe of the dawn
of your light in Jesus Christ,
we remain self-centered
and cling to the sin of the world.
We celebrate the birth of our savior,
yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him.
We are called to pursue justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you;
yet we are content to seek our own comfort
and conveniently ignore the cries
of those in need.
By the light of the Christ child,
lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness,
as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

***RESPONSE** “Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, giver of all light,
lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,
the morning star that never fades.
By the light of your Holy Spirit
reveal to us your saving Word
and lead us to offer our lives to you
in service and in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 1:1-6 (Pew Bible pg. 499)
Philippians 3:12-14 (Pew Bible pg. 1086)

MESSAGE “Planted to Move Forward”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (#242 vs. 1,4)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (On Screens)

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Star in the East” (Heber)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC “Noel” (Redman/Tomlin/Cash)
“We Three Kings”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God,
for the gifts of this table,
precious, prayerful, and poignant,
like gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Lead us forth by your light
to share the gifts of your grace
with all people,
giving glory, honor, and praise
to Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Arise Your Light is Come” (#231 vs. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata on “Kings of Orient” (Page C. Long)