



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JANUARY 5, 2025

**PRELUDE** "The First Nowell" (Glyncannon)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**BAPTISM**  
Lulu Chen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: The glory of God has now appeared

**All: through Christ our light, in flesh.**

Leader: The reign of God has now arrived

**All: through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.**

Leader: The mystery of God has been revealed

**All: through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.**

Leader: With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,

**All: we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Arise, Your Light is Come!" (#231 vs. 1-4)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
God of light, whose wisdom shines like stars in the midnight sky, make these holy words clear to us so that our eyes will see your salvation and our lives will be radiant before you. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible pg. 890)

**\*CAROL** "We Three Kings" (#233 vs. 1-5)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 6:1-7 (Pew Bible pg. 636)

**MESSAGE** "Behold the King"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** On Screens

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING** "King of Kings" (Ligertwood)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly and follow him more nearly, this day and every day. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "O Come All You Unfaithful" (Kauflin)  
"Light of the World" (Cash)

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**  
Giving God, as kings offered their gifts to Jesus, you have offered yourself to the world through the body and blood of Christ. Thank you for this foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Let our lives embody your justice and righteousness to all people. With thankful hearts we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING CAROL** "The First Noel" (#229 vs. 1,3,5,6)

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "March of Kings" and "Une Jeune Pucelle" (Shackley)

Transitional Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Director of Worship  
Director of Media  
Organist/Accompanist  
Tech Team

Geoff Kohler  
Mofid Wasef  
Elizabeth Virkler  
Luke Graham  
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Riley McKenna  
Aidan Williams  
Amy Wazny  
Lee & Berdi Meehan  
Keith Sherwood  
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Tony Cook

\*Please stand if able

To Give:

