

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147

L: Worship the LORD, Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion!
P: Because God secures the bars on your gates, and blesses the children gathered.

L: God proclaims his word to Jacob; his statutes and rules to Israel.
P: God hasn't done that with any other nation; those nations have no knowledge of God's rule. Praise the LORD!

† HYMN

We Three Kings

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all glory, by the guidance of a star you led the Wise Men to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith, lead us to your glory in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ 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 in their nurses' arms. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN

There's a Song in the Air

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¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ '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.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MESSAGE

"I'm Trying!"

Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY COMMUNION

† HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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† BENEDICTION



† Stand as you are able



Lectionary for January/February 2026

January 11

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 18

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

February 1

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

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