

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Epiphany
Sunday***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

People: Like a bright star in the night sky, the life of Christ lights up the whole world.

Leader: The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

People: The light of Christ shows us who we are, and what we can be, where we have been and where we should go.

All: Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

*HYMN

UMH #328

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

This is the new year, Lord. You have given us this time to recapture a glimpse of the eternity that moves and breathes among us. You are mindful of us and care for us. Help us to accept your truth as our truth. Knit us together in faith, hope and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Felecia Boyce

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

When the light of God shines, we shall see it and be radiant. Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice! Glorious God, shine in our hearts and fill us with praise. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

NT #1

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"God's Perfect Light"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lady Imperio

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMION

UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #189

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

A church conference to vote on separating from The United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All members are asked to attend.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

6:00 UWF – Windsor UMC

6:30 UMM – CLC

Tuesday, January 9

12:00 Trustees - CLC

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, January 11

6:30 Finance Committee – ZOOM

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 12/24/23=\$2,938.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$164,810.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.