

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
January 5, 2025; Epiphany Sunday; Liturgical color; White or Gold, **Traditional**; 11:00 am  
*\*If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold** - Join in response, \*\*The Faith We Sing*

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** *(in response, Matthew 2:12-3)*  
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him  
When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. AMEN.

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*  
Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, praised and obeyed to the ends of the earth, for the salvation of all. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN** “Morning Has Broken” 145

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**\*PRAYER RESPONSE** “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

**RESPONSIVE READING** *(in response)*  
We praise your holy name, O God  
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit a  
You have been the light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.  
You remembered us when we forgot you  
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you  
We praise your holy name, O God. AMEN.

**PREPARATORY HYMN** “The King of Glory Comes” \*\*2091

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns** *(Adopted from the Book of Worship 395)*  
God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife, *(You may voice your prayers)*. Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For those we know in particular times of distress . . .Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.  
For those who are ill and the sick . . .Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For the gift of life...Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For those who lost their loved ones . . . Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer.  
For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church . . .Lord in your mercy.  
Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(unison)*  
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, the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

**OFFERTORY** Beth Engels  
Offering  
\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison), TUMBOW 431*  
In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another’s lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE** Ellie Q  
First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12

**COMMUNION** 13 *(This is an open table, everyone is invited to partake of the Eucharist)*

**SERMON** “Finding Jesus”

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” 278

**\*BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” 672 (no refrain)

**POSTLUDE**