

What Are You Looking For?

Season of Epiphany/Lamb of God – January 18, 2026

MEDITATION

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it—because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” –Howard Thurman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **P: And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Polloni, Deacon

L: Arise, shine—for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord rises among us.

1: In the darkness, a star still shines.

All: We come as seekers, drawn by wonder and hope, still searching for light.

I: God's light appears in unexpected places—

All: In humble homes, ordinary lives, and open hearts.

I: Come all who long for meaning, mercy, and joy

All: We come to follow the light and be bearers of the light. We arise. We shine.

We worship God this day

***SONG FOR EPIPHANY** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **Refrain Only 2x** *Black 160*

UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Chris Palloni, Deacon

Holy and searching God, you call us out of the dark and meet us in our longing. We come with questions, with hopes not fully named, with hearts still learning how to trust. You know what we are looking for—even when we struggle to name it ourselves. Shine your light among us today. Draw us closer to you, and open us to the way of love revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “God is Here! As We Your People Meet” vs. 1,3,4 *Black 70*

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Psalm 84"

Choir

Words: Arlo D. Duba, Music: Hal H. Hopson

SCRIPTURE READING | *Isaiah 49:1-7, p. 830; John 1:29-42, p. 112*

Chris Pollini, Deacon & Rosemary Modic

L: The Word of God for the people of God. All: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"What Are You Looking For?"

Rev. Christina Williams

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons)

Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers of the people, you are invited to share your joys and concerns out loud. All are invited to respond, "O Lord, hear our prayers."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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. All are invited to sing "Amen". (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"We Are the Hands of Christ"

Choir

Words: John Parker, Music: Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of light and love, you meet us not with demands, but with grace. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust—our longing to follow, our desire to reflect your light, and our hope that love may reach farther than fear. Use what we offer to bring mercy, justice, and joy to a world still searching. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide My Feet”

Black 497

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION

“Lead Me, Lord”

Choir

John D. Becker

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”

John Carter

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Dennis Fox; Reader, Rosemary Modic; Kid Connection Volunteer: Shauni Aiyebari; Choir, Linda Thomas, Joyce Kenneally, Meg Tivey, Malcolm Donald, Alan King, Chris Polloni, Clifford Moore; Marsha Martin, Hospitality; Food donation, Rosemary Carey

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister, Stephanie Miles, Music director, Chris Polloni, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** *An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.
2. **Kid's Connection:** After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for a time learning and fun with Bible stories, crafts, and games with Shauni Aiyeleari.
3. **TAKE TWO** is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship with Lisa Allen every other Sunday. Join the discussion next Sunday on *Being the Light*.
4. **Coffee and Conversation:** You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.
5. **Have Questions?** Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.

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