

The background is a dark blue gradient with a starry pattern. A gold border frames the central text. On the left, there are three hanging ornaments: a large gold and white striped one, a smaller silver one, and a gold starburst. On the right, there are two hanging ornaments: a silver lattice one and a gold lattice one. Gold ribbons swirl around the corners of the frame.

# Communion Sunday

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# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

PRELUDE



A festive Christmas-themed graphic. It features a dark blue background with a gold border. Inside the border, there are several hanging ornaments: a silver ball, a gold ring, a silver and white striped ball, a gold ball, a silver and white striped ball, and a gold star. A large gold starburst is in the bottom left corner, and a gold lattice ball is in the bottom right corner. The text "WELCOME" is written in large, white, serif capital letters, and "2025" is written in large, gold, sans-serif numbers below it. The background is decorated with white stars and gold streamers.

WELCOME

2025

# OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we are gathered to worship you in spirit and truth and to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Please accept our offerings as a sweet-smelling savor. Be glorified in every aspect of the service. We pray in Jesus' mighty and holy name. Amen.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Book Club

Sundays 7:30 p.m. via  
Zoom.

## Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 5 th

## Facebook

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## YouTube

Subscribe to the church's  
YouTube page

## Morning Devotions

Monday-Friday at 6:00  
a.m. via Zoom

## Midweek Service

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. via  
YouTube



# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Praise the Lord! God is good and greatly to be praised.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

Jesus is that light; life is in him and through him alone.

**Thank God because the light exudes hope.**

**Praise the Lord!**





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# 66

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OPENING HYMN

# UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea, during King Herod's reign. About that time, some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to worship him." King Herod, like everyone in Jerusalem, was deeply disturbed when he heard this. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"





# THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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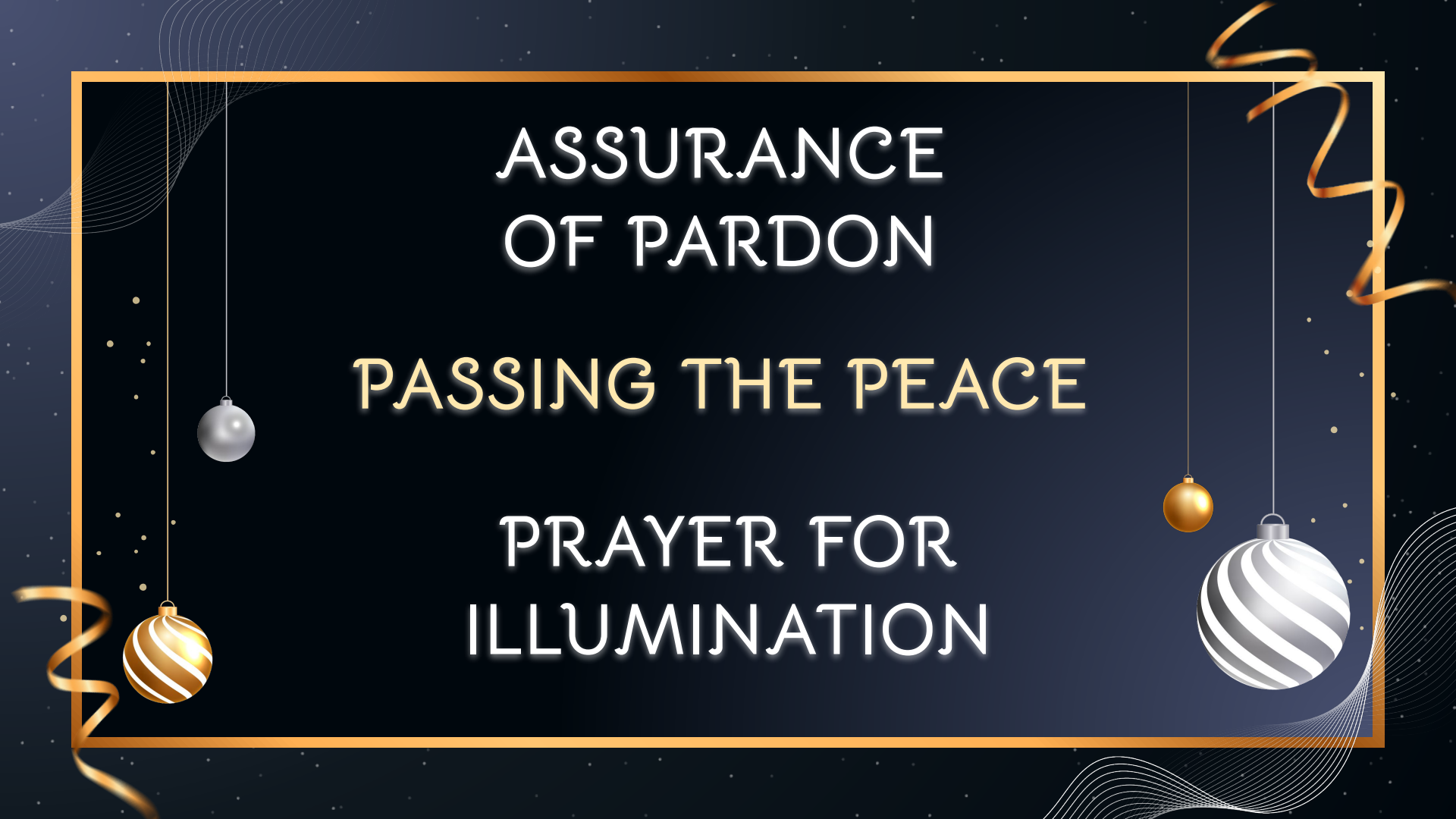
Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" After this interview, the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gold, frankincense, and myrrh gifts.



CALL TO  
CONFESSION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, thank you for your patience and love. Thank you for the blessed assurance that You are omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. You are not limited by the social constructs humans erect to separate and favor some. Your word declares, and we believe it, that In the beginning, You created everything and declared it all good. Thank You for the affirmation that each individual has inherent worth because You made each of us in Your image. God, we thank You for Jesus, the world's light, and all humanity's life. We acknowledge that in Christ, we are one in the Spirit, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb—Jesus Christ. Our differences highlight Your love for diversity. Those differences are reflected in every species. Thank you for the revealed knowledge of Your love for us all—glory to Your name. Amen.



ASSURANCE  
OF PARDON  
PASSING THE PEACE  
PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION

The image features a dark blue background with a gold border. The text is centered and reads: "ASSURANCE OF PARDON PASSING THE PEACE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION". The text is in a white, sans-serif font with a slight glow. There are several decorative elements: a silver ornament hanging from the top left, a gold and white striped ornament hanging from the bottom left, a gold ornament hanging from the top right, and a large white and silver striped ornament hanging from the bottom right. There are also gold ribbons and white wavy lines in the corners.



THE  
MORNING  
MEDITATION



COMMUNION

HYMN

(PH) #513 - Let Us Break Bread Together

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known and present within us in your Son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us to reconcile all creation to life and life everlasting. By him, with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we, with  
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Jesus gathered his disciples and said, Remember me. And so we do. We remember that he gathered his friends and his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits of the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us so that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, so that we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present and made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.



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# PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS



## Bread

This bread represents the body of Christ that was broken for us. Take eat it all.



## Wine

This juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed for us. Take drink it all.

# 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.





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# 29

Go Tell It on  
the Mountain

THE CLOSING HYMN



THE  
BENEDICTION