

\*UMH No. 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

Postlude

"We Three Kings" Anita Stonebraker

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

\*Congregation may stand as able

☞ Sermon Outline

With the Revelation of He Who Comes

Part 1. Do Not Forsake Your First Love

Revelation 1:4-6; 2:1-7

1. Begin New Year with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

2. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ from which you have fallen.

3. Do not forsake your first \_\_\_\_\_.

Keys: 1. revelation; 2. height; 3. love

### Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

## Announcements/ Reminders

1. Welcome all. Happy New Year!

2. Liturgists—thanks!

+ January 4: Cathy Pevey

+ January 11: Nadia Allen

3. Please join Small Groups

+ Youth Hangout - Sunday at 7 p.m. through zoom.

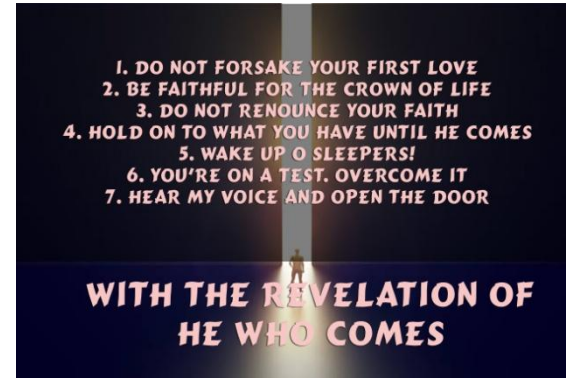
+ Storytelling with Children - Sunday at 8 p.m. thru zoom.

+ The Holy Club (Young Adults) - Mon at 9 p.m. thru Zoom.

4. "Joyful" Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

+ Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

### With the Revelation of He Who Comes



Blessed is the one who read the words of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is revealed to them; for the time is near. As the seven churches in the province of Asia were called to attention, today's churches are

invited to pay attention to the revelation of Jesus Christ. Begin the first year of the second quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the good news of Jesus Christ through John at Patmos.

### ❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent

+ Sun., January 4, Epiphany Sunday

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service

- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet

- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship

+ Sun., Dec., 11, Baptism of the Lord

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service

- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet

- 10 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

+ Sun., Dec., 18, Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service

- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet

- 10 a.m. Celebration of Multi-contextual Ministry

# Celebration of Worship

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026

10 a.m.

This day commemorates the coming of the Magi to visit the baby Jesus. The season after Epiphany is observed from the first Sunday after Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. The last Sunday after Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

## Welcome, the Peace, Ministry Opportunities

**Prelude** "In the Bleak Midwinter" Anita Stonebraker  
by Rosetta/Holst

## \*Call to Worship - Psalm 147

Liturgist: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: The Lord makes peace in your borders, fills you with the finest wheat.**

L: The Lord gives snow like wool, scatters hoarfrost like ashes, casts forth ice like morsels.

**P: The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; make the wind blow, and the water flow. Alleluia!**

**\*UMH No. 237** "Sing We Now of Christmas" FRENCH CAROL

**Prayer** Offered in Unison

**O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Personal Prayer** Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of Delaware, the First State, joined our union on December 7, 1787 (settled in 1638). Long before Delaware become "The First State," the land was home to vibrant indigenous cultures with sophisticated social and political systems. The two primary groups that inhabited the region were the Lenni Lenape (LEN-ee leh-NAH-pay) and the Nanticoke (NAN-tuh-coke) peoples. The transfer of this land to European settlers was not a single event but a complex, 150-year process involving trade, cultural misunderstandings and eventually forced displacement. Also pray for those who live in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Service of Covenant Renewal

**A Covenant Prayer – UMH No. 607**

Offered in Unison

**I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**Epistle Lesson** "Revelation 1:4-6; 2:1-7" New International Version

**Witness to the Word**

Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

"With the Revelation of He Who Comes"

Part 1. Do Not Forsake Your First Love

**Response to the Word – Invitation to The Lord's Supper**

**Confession and Pardon – UMH No. 890**

**The Peace**

**Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures**

**Offertory**

"Sing to the Lord"

Chancel Choir

by David and Jean Perry

**\*Doxology - UMH No. 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer – UMH No. 18**

"Musical Setting B"

**\*Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

The communion is administered by intinction. Cup hands and receive a broken piece of bread and tip it in chalice at the chancel area.

**Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing**

Welcome visitors.