

*..for you out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel*



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**Epiphany Sunday  
January 5, 2025**

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# EPIPHANY SUNDAY ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 a.m.

January 5, 2025

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PRELUDE *Song for the New Year*  
by Rob Roy Peery

INTROIT *Arise, Shine* CUMC Adult Choir  
by Gary Alan Smith

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May God increase our love for one another and strengthen our hearts in holiness, as we greet one another in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

\*HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH #237

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

**All: Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we come into your presence with joy and praise, grateful for the gift of Christ Jesus in our lives. As we celebrate this gift in our service of worship, fill our hearts with Christmas joy and our spirits with the gift of your Holy Spirit. With joy and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message"

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Call to Be Wise (Men)" Rev. Sue H. Yun

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING See Insert

INTRODUCTION OF 2025 LEADERSHIP

JOHN WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER See Communion Insert

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

On this day of celebration, let us bring our gifts, as sages of old once brought gifts to Christ the King. May our gifts become the light of Christ for the world.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Gift of My Life* CUMC Adult Choir  
by David S. Gaines & Ruth Elaine Schram

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Generous God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the gifts of Christmas. Thank you for inviting us to bring gifts to your world. Bless the gifts we bring, that they may become vessels of Christ's light and love in the world. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

\*HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS #2173

\*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Arise; shine!

**All: The world needs our light.**

One: Go forth with grace and love.

**All: Every person needs our grace and love.**

One: Go forth with the gift of Christ's presence.

**All: Christ's presence will save us all. Amen.**

FAREWELL *Go Now in Peace (2x)* UMH #665

POSTLUDE *The Gift Divine*  
by Colin Curtis

**OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED**

**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**