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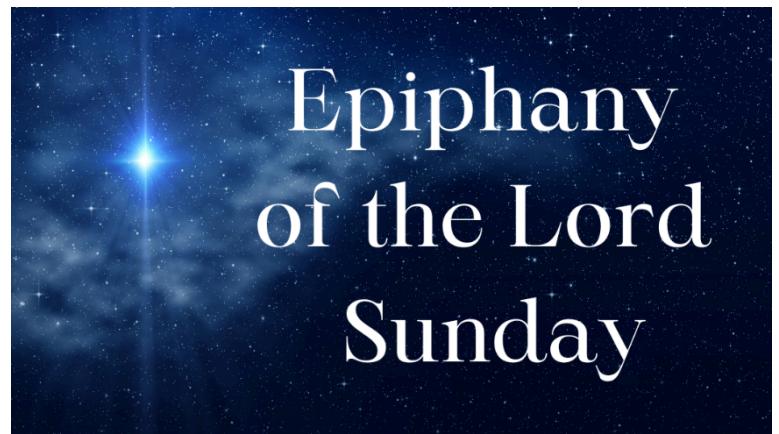
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026
8:30 a.m. Worship**

**665 W Corbett Avenue
Swansboro, North Carolina 28584
910 326-4822
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A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.

**Pastor Laura Thompson: PastorLaura@swansboroumc.org
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Worship Leader: Lindsay Williams: Music@swansboroumc.org
Piano & Organ: Terri Boykin**

Daymark Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

First-time guests, please text "WELCOME" to (910) 460-9998

Prelude "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcome to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.

with radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

**We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves,
we worship God.**

*Opening Hymn "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224

*Opening Prayer

O Lord our God, Your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of Your presence. May we enter Your house and pay homage to Him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth that all might be gathered in. In Your triune name we pray, Amen.

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Bobbi Edge

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff to the Ministry Center (Bldg.3) for SwanKids Worship during the sermon. They will return for communion with their families.

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Anthem "Three Wise Men, Wise Men Three"

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

Hymn of Response

"Star Child"

TFWS 2095

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Christians, Carol Sweetly"

UMH#94

*Doxology

*The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257

Giving of the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction or by using prepackaged gluten-free elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand, and a pastor will bring communion to you. After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, used primarily to assist the needy.

Communion Song "Come Share the Lord"

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

*Hymn UMH # 245

"The First Noel"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"March of the Kings"

**Please stand as you are able.*