A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing. When communion is served, the children will be brought back into the sanctuary and are invited to take communion with their family.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of Jim Griffith by Don & Maureen King.

PRAYER list

Beth Brewer
Gary Brewer
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Toni Holder
Jack Lewis
Patti Moran
Carol Mueller
Tracie Powell-Wilkin
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Shelley Winkler

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Youth Minister

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Coordinator of Children's Ministry

Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

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Invite. Grow. Send.

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

January 5, 2025 **Epiphany Sunday**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"* Charity Boyles

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!
We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.
The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."
We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.
The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.
We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.
So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.
We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* UMH 220

*Psalter Reading *Psalm 72* UMH 795

Offering

Offertory Anthem *"The Journey"* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the
East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling together all the chief
priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be
born. [5]They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]'And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for
from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly
called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had
appeared. [8]Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child;
and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that
they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10]When they
saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house, they
saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then,
opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And
having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by
another road.

Sermon *"The Journey Together"* Rev. Brad Gray

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Hymn *"We Three Kings"* UMH 254

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Cantique de Noel"* Adolphe Adam

**Please stand if able*