



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 4, 2026

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Epiphany Sunday with Communion

Gathering Music

Diana Wilson, Guest Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song

#180, Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Call to Worship

Shelby M, Liturgist (responsive)
In all our searching and all our seeking,
God draws us into the heart of Love.
Guiding us through lands unknown,
God companions us on the journey.
With the Holy as our guide,
we will encounter Christ enfleshed.

Opening Song

Mary Had a Baby Spiritual

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘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.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Story Three Wise Women by Mary Hoffman

Quiet Meditation

Song #453, When Morning Stars Together

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Celebrations

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

Doxology Sung to the tune of *What Child is This* (music at end)

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion and Receiving of Star Words

You are welcome to partake of your own Bread and Cup.

Contact the church office on Monday to receive your own Star Word

Communion Song Star Child, #174 Sing, Prayer and Praise

Closing Song #181, You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Benediction

Postlude



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Advent Doxology

(to the tune of *What Child Is This*)

Traditional



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures



here be - low; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator



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Christ and Spirit one.