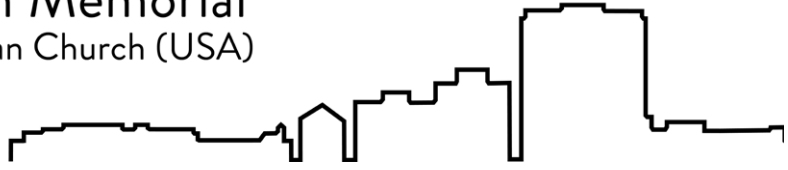




Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Epiphany



January 5, 2025 | 10:30am

# Service for the Lord's Day

January 5, 2025

## We Gather to Worship

### People's Preparation

“The word *Epiphany* indicates an appearance, a manifestation, a revelation. The Feast of the Epiphany began as a festival of the Eastern Church that celebrated the appearing of Jesus, focusing on the events of his birth and baptism. In the Western Christian tradition, Epiphany has traditionally focused on the coming of the wise men to welcome Jesus. At its core, this holy day offers an invitation to wrestle with the mystery of the Incarnation, to recognize the multitude of ways that the sacred takes flesh, and to welcome the Divine in our midst.”

- Jan Richardson

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Prelude in C*

Buxtehude

### News of the Ministry of the Church

### Introit

*What Star is This, with Beams So Bright*

### Call to Worship\*

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen among us.

**Many: We have followed the star and arrived at the manger.**

One: Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Many: Let us bring our finest gifts to honor the Christ child.**

**All: Let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!**

### Opening Hymn #147\*

*The First Nowell*

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### Moment of Friendship

*Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.*

*Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.*

### Children's Message

Matt Carlisle

### Choral Response

*'Tis Now Fulfilled*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Darcy Ryan Autry  
Jennifer & Ryan Autry, Parents

## **Passing of the Peace\***

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

*Please offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 60:1-6

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**Anthem**

*Hurry, Hurry Yonder*

Davenport, Wagner

*Refrain:* Hurry, hurry yonder, star is brightly shining.  
Glory alleluia, glory hodie. Shining on the baby, lying in a manger,  
Shining on the child born on Christmas day.

Come and sing his glory, tell again the story.

Praise the baby Jesus, praise the tiny King.

Join in jubilation, shout your adoration.

Glory alleluia, hear the angels sing. (*refrain*)

Behold the star that lights the road to Bethlehem,  
With kings and shepherds, come to the babe in the manger.

Hurry, hurry yonder. Mother, father Joseph;

Gently they attend, attend the holy Child.

Enter now the stable, shepherds and the wise men,

Kneel before the child so undefiled.

Come and sing His glory, tell again the story.

Praise the baby Jesus, praise the tiny King.

Join in jubilation, shout your adoration.

Glory alleluia, hear the angels sing. (*refrain*)

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-12

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One: The Word of the Lord,

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Debbie Kirk

## **We Respond in Faith**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*He Is Born*

arr. Anna Laura Page

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*To make an online offering to HMPC, we invite you to use this QR code:*

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### **Congregational Response #145\*   *What Child is This* (verse 3)**

“So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!”

## **Sealing of the Word: The Lord’s Supper**

### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*For those worshipping online, we invite you to gather communion elements from your home.*

### **Closing Prayer**

## **We Bear and Follow the Word into the World**

#### **Closing Hymn #150\***

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

**HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT**



# Epiphany

“Epiphany” means manifestation or revelation. At the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the manifestation of God’s saving purpose to all the nations of the world. Just as the magi came from a distant land to worship the Christ child, God’s covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of Jesus Christ. The symbolism of light is important—not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it suggests the bright dawning of God’s self-revelation in Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to bear Christ’s light in the world. Traditionally, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 6, the conclusion of the season of Christmas. - *Book of Common Worship* (2018)

## Artwork

You may notice two paintings this morning above the doors adjacent to the Chancel. *There’s a Star!*, the title of the diptych (two paintings that tell one story), were painted/created by our very own HMPC Youth a couple of years ago, with the assistance of Cyndi Harris.


## Star Words

As we have done in past years, we have baskets of stars available by each Sanctuary entrance. We invite you to pick one and stick this star word in your house where you will see it on a daily basis. Ponder what the significance of this word might be in your life and what God might be saying to you through this simple message of a word. The magi brought gifts to Jesus after they received the gift of a star to follow. The star symbolizes God’s generosity in our lives.

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## January Special Offering A Place at the Table

January Special Offering is for A Place at the Table. A Place at the Table is Raleigh’s first pay-what-you-can cafe. Its mission is to give a dignified dining experience where anyone is welcome to dine regardless of means. Patrons from all walks of life come together to share a meal at their table, and over 80 people volunteer for their meal every day. They gain skills and connect each shift, along with being provided a delicious and nutritious meal.

You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to “Place at the Table”),  or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting [hmpc.org](http://hmpc.org). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the word “Table” to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 Table) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.

## **Children and Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints**

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC! The comfort and security of children is our highest priority.

- **Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15–11:45. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals, and our nursery wing has its own security system.
- We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. **Please sign in children** at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children’s Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children’s Message, all children age 3 years through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children’s Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- **Our Children’s Worship area** is open to children 1st grade and under. Children 2nd grade and older are asked to sit with their parents until the Children’s Message. While your child is in the Children’s Worship Area, parents should sit in nearby pews to supervise their children.

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## **Upcoming at Hudson**

**Sunday, January 12th**

**Inquirers’ Class - Following Worship**

*This class is for those interested in finding out more about membership at HMPC.  
Contact Debbie Kirk [dkirk@hmpc.org](mailto:dkirk@hmpc.org) by January 7 if you are interested in attending.*

**Sunday, January 26th**

**Pastor Debbie’s last Sunday in the Pulpit**

**Sunday, February 2nd**

**Youth Music-led Sunday**

**February 14th**

**“Spread the Love” Service Project begins**

*More info coming soon!*



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## Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Our Vision

*A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God*

## Our Core Values

*Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude*

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## Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Debbie Kirk, Moderator

### Class of 2025

Dottie Burch  
Carol Cox  
Jay Cummins  
Melinda Dickinson

### Class of 2026

Ken Krause  
Caroline Smart  
Dan Vig  
John Williams

### Class of 2027

Harry Bowles  
Steve Guy  
Don Haydon  
Grace Hutchinson

## Deacons

### Class of 2025

Billy Branch  
Ruth Herpich  
Joanna Hulsey  
Gretchen McDuffie  
Carolyn Scott, Moderator

### Class of 2026

Winter Fox  
Judie Greenawalt  
Jill Hovis  
Linda Meeks  
Mary Schindo

### Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse  
Gil Graybill  
Caroline Rohs  
Lisa Williams  
Fred Woodward

## HMPC Staff

Debbie Kirk ..... Bridge Interim & Associate Pastor  
Aleta Ash ..... Minister of Visitation  
Cary Dickerson..... Director of Children's Ministries  
Erica Hairston.....Business Manager  
Joyce Hawkins ..... Assistant Preschool Director  
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....Communications Specialist  
Barbara Loehr-Fox..... Director of Music Ministries  
Hope Parangi ..... Church Hostess  
Rich Richards..... Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music  
Dorothy Roche ..... Preschool Director  
Iva Stowe .....Interim Organist  
Hannah Woodcock.....Administrative Coordinator



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## The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "born is the King of Is - ra - el." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and  
frankincense.

*Refrain*

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

## As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.