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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Media:	Scott Berry, Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Susannah Hogge
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Greeter:	Pauline Reimold
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Wendy Hogge

STEWARDSHIP	12/28
General Fund	4060.87
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	90.00
Capital Improvement Fund	100.00
Christmas Eve Offering	1499.00
ATTENDANCE	12/28
In person Worship – 8:30 am	20
In person Worship – 11:00 am	57
Online Worship	138
Total	215

BETHANY STAFF

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All Services May be Viewed on:



January 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Epiphany Sunday | Communion Sunday
WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

— As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship. —
**Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.*

Intrada *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UMH 247

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship** Susannah Hogge

Leader: The Christ child is born!
All you who would find him,
prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.
**Congregation: All you who would praise him,
come with the faith to follow but a star.**
Leader: All you who would worship him,
come with humility to the child
All: who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.

***Hymn** *We Three Kings* UMH 254

Responsive Reading (Isaiah 60: 1-6)
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
**For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together;

they come to you; your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
**because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Opening Prayer Susannah Hogge
O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Children’s Time (All children are invited to attend Children’s Church afterwards) Pastor John Choi

Prayer for Illumination Susannah Hogge
Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In Jesus’ name we ask. Amen

***Scripture Reading** Susannah Hogge
Matthew 2: 1-12
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor John Choi
“For Both the Religious and the Irreligious”

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Hymn UMH 247
Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (vv. 1&2)

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor John Choi

Confession and Pardon
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us, help us amend our ways, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendments of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory Dietrich Buxtehude
Chorale Fantasy on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Based upon UMH 247 (ca. 1637-1707)

***Doxology** UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

The Lord’s Prayer UMH No. 895
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup
(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive the bread, please dip it into the cup.)

Music during Communion Louis-Claude Daquin
Noël No. 9 – For the Flute Stops
“We shall sing joyfully-She who bore the fruit of life, all for our salvation.” (1694-1772)
- *Noël for our Love of Mary*

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion
Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH 203
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

***Closing Chorus** UMH 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat 1x)

Exodus UMH 719
My Lord, What a Morning
“My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall”
