

**Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026**

† Please stand as you are able.



**QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log**

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Autumn Boyer

Prelude

Chiming the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship—by Sarah (Are) Speed, Sanctified Art

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.

God is here.

Prayer of Confession—adapted from Sarah (Are) Speed

God of Light, we know that faith isn't a vending machine, and Good News can't be bought or manufactured. You give us the gift of Your very self, loving us and offering us all the bread and grace we need for the journey. So, we look for You in our midst of our noisy world and distracted minds. Forgive us for trying to do this "faith thing" in our own strength. Forgive us for our sins. Forgive us for giving You only part of ourselves, because You want all of us, not just part of us. Strengthen and help us to be like the Magi and walk towards You and go your way. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Forgiveness—by Sarah (Are) Speed

Friends, I have nothing but good news. Since the very first day, God has taken the pieces of our hearts that we have offered up and has said, "I can work with that." Even in our failings, God has washed us with words of grace, belonging, and love. No matter what star you've followed, no matter how far you've walked, no matter how lost you got—you belong to God. God loves you. God forgives you. God claims you. Period. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† **Opening Hymn**

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

UMH 242

Hymn

"What Child is This"

UMH 219

Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear what You wish to say to us today, amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"Do You Want to Be a Star?"

Pastor Adam

† **The Offering**

"We Three Kings"

UMH 254



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† **The Doxology**

The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit
One. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION adapted from Roddy Hamilton, Church of Scotland

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(Pastor retells the story)

... So, we join with the angels in heaven's unending hymn: **holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!**

(Pastor continues to retell the story)

... Great is the mystery of faith: **"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come, again."**

(Pastor explains why we're doing this and offers prayer of thanksgiving and Words of Institution)

Receiving Holy Communion

Prayer Following Communion

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given to us in time, be our healing for eternity. May this holy food

cleave to my very soul. You are the God of love, grace, who gives us enough bread for the journey, and who welcomes all to your table, no matter what. Thanks and praise be to You, O God! Amen.

† *Closing Hymn* "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" UMH 251

† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude* Desiree Davis-Omburo

There's a New Year potluck immediately following this service

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by Carmelle Beaugelin, Sanctified Art

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