

**MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Worship Leader: Rev. Ross Smillie**  
**Epiphany Sunday      January 4, 2026**

**Duty Elder:** Wendy Wadden  
**Musician** Sheryl Cale  
**Scripture Reader:** Loretta Clague

\*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

**Musical Prelude** – Time for Quiet Meditation

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

To discover how to be truthful now

**Is the reason I follow this star.**

To discover how to be living now

**Is the reason I follow this star.**

To discover how to be loving now

**Is the reason I follow this star.**

We have only the vaguest idea why we are what we are.

**To discover how to be human now is the reason we follow this Star.**

– from W. H. Auden, *For the Time Being, A Christmas Oratorio* (1942)

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

\***HYMN # 811:** *Standing at the Portal*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ...we confess our sins:

**God of light and life, you have come to us in Christ Jesus**

**to open a path to new life, but we fall back on what is familiar.**

**We confess that we are in love with our old ways**

**and our resolutions for change fall short.**

**Forgive us who we have been, amend who we are**

**and direct who we shall be. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of the Peace**

\***HYMN # 172:** *As with Gladness*

**TEACHING MOMENT** (*Video*)

\***HYMN # 173:** *We Three Kings*

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14** (Page 533)

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2: 1-23** (Page 2)

**SERMON:** The Foolishness of the Wise – Rev. Ross Smillie

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK**

**PRAISE RESPONSE #830:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Through these gifts, O God,

**may all heed the voice of justice, hear the call to compassion,**

**embrace the way of sharing,**

**and know solidarity with the loving Christ. Amen.**

\***PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\***HYMN # 141** *Good Christians All Rejoice*

\***Commissioning and BENEDICTION**

\***SUNG BENEDICTION:** *Go now in Peace*

**Men's Breakfast:** Rainbow Café, January 10 @ 9 AM.

**Birthday Sunday:** Next Sunday (Jan. 11) with Rev. Mark presiding.

**One License:** Registration #A-607931(for music & podcast/streaming)

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