



**January 4, 2026**  
**Monument Community Presbyterian Church**

***Come! Experience God With Us***  
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**WELCOME**

*In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we invite you to find grace for the past, strength for today and hope for tomorrow as you worship with us. To our guests, we extend a special welcome and hope you will come again! We invite you to get to know our church family and take part in our life and worship as fully as you are able. Join us in the Great Room for coffee and fellowship after worship each week.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

† Please stand if you are able.

**Prelude, "Shine, Jesus Shine"**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting One Another**

**†Call to Worship,**

People of God, arise, shine,  
for your light has come!

**The light of Christ has come into the world. Immanuel. God with us.**

We will follow the light—

when it shines brightly in the night sky and when it glows dimly on the horizon.

**We will lift up our eyes and look around. And when we see the Christ child, may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.**

When we are in the presence of Immanuel, may our knees bend in worship.

**When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God,**

**May our hands open in generous sharing; May our mouths open in generous praise.\***

**†Song of Praise, "Joy to the World" #40**

**Gathering Prayer**

**Scripture Reading, Matthew 2:1-8**

**Children's Message**

Children: May God Bless You Here

Congregation: **May God Bless You There**

**†Song of Praise, "We Three Kings" #66**

**Scripture Reading, Matthew 2:9-16**

**Message, "A king and a KING"**

## Confessing Our Sin

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.  
Amen.

## Proclaiming the Mystery of our Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

## Celebrating Communion

Song of Praise, "The First Noel" #56

## Offering Our Gifts

## † Doxology

## † Benediction

You go nowhere by accident.  
Wherever you go, God is sending you.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there.  
God has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ lives in you and has something  
He wants to do through you where you are.  
Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.

Postlude, Glenda Herman

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**Service Participants:** All the people of God! **Interim Pastor:** Rev. John Anderson; **Children's Message:** Scott Ross; **Lay Worship Leader:** Dwight Sterling; **Communion Servers:** Allan Derr, Mike Guyote, Vinny Maffia; **Greeters:** Joy and Rick Smith; **Media:** Dennis Kaip; **Security Monitor:** Don Herman; **Sound:** Jim Fitzpatrick; **Stephen Ministry:** Barb Sims; **Ushers:** Randy and Carol Scott, Peggy Schreyer; **Session Elder:** Allan Derr.