



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER: (Based on Isaiah 60:1-3)

IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: I lift up my eyes....

OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: and see God's Light.

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world." ~ John Milton

READ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE

FUM, FUM, FUM!

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

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L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.

Amen.

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***HYMN**

What Child Is This

UMH #219

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CCLI Song # 30983

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. **(Refrain)**

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3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **(Refrain)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of light and love, come to us this day. Shine upon us, that we might know your presence more fully. Shine within us, that we might live your truth more freely. Shine around us, that we might know your world of love and grace. In the name of your brightest light, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN: **Sing We Now of Christmas** UMH #237

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1 Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2 Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." (Refrain)

3 In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
seated by the manger, watching the holy child. (Refrain)

4 From the eastern country came the kings afar,
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. (Refrain)

5 Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
there was never a stable so like paradise. (Refrain)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 Terri Rae Elmer, Liturgist

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN:

We Three Kings

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CCLI Song # 38002

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,

*Please rise in body and spirit.

westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. **[Refrain]**

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. **[Refrain]**

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **[Refrain]**

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. **[Refrain]**

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way we glorify God with our whole lives.

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**Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 94)*

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CCLI Song # 3063266

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of light and guidance, just as the wise men brought their gifts to honor the Christ child, we now present our offerings to you. May these gifts, like theirs, reflect our devotion and desire to seek your presence in all that we do. We pray that these tithes and offerings provide hope, healing, and peace to a world in need of your light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN:

LET Us Be Bread (2x)

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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured,
Let us be one in the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

(The United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our 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.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their 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.

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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 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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

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HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful ARR. Michael Burkhardt

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Mission: In the love of Jesus Christ, we serve and welcome the people of Coachella Valley, nurturing discipleship through prayer, worship, and outreach.

Our vision: To engage in sharing Christ's love to all, through worship, daily prayer, and outreach to those in our church and local community.

Three Core Ministry Emphases: Serving, Welcoming, Discipling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video of today's worship can be found at www.indioumc.com/live

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January 5 - Coffee Fellowship following worship in Fellowship Hall. Hosted today by Margaret Henderson.

January 6-10 - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

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Order of Worship January 5, 2025

January 8 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

January 8 - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

January 12 - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

January 12 - Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

Worship Volunteers

We need volunteers to worship **EVERY** Sunday. Look for the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the Narthex. Please, sign up to help by being a greeter, usher, or liturgist.

Remember to volunteer to go to the Bridge. We go on the last Saturday of the month.

Please join us for New Day Devotions M-F at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 966 9221 2735

Passcode: 235938 Or direct link from our website www.indioumc.com The bulletin is attached, and the new link is below. See you in Church!

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Sunday. SOTV SOLOMON'S NEST LINK – ZOOM MEETING

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Dial by your location

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING LIST FOR January 6, 2025

Monday	Thursday	Sunday
Genesis 15-17 & Matthew 5:27-48	Genesis 23, 24 & Matthew 8	Genesis 29, 30 & Matthew 10:1-23
Tuesday	Friday	
Genesis 18, 19 & Matthew 6	Genesis 25, 26 & Matthew 9:1-17	
Wednesday	Saturday	
Genesis 20-22 & Matthew 7	Genesis 27, 28 & Matthew 9:18-38	

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

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SOTV Prayer List (Week 1-06-2025) New prayer requests are in bold print

1. For Caregivers: Melissa P., Cindy M., Bill G., Carlos, Sharon E., Janet R., Gary N., Carol E., Bob K., Kim B., Bobby B., Malin W., Isabella's Mom, Jim, Pat B., Terry C., Brian B.,
2. For those living in Communal environments: Jack B., Steve M., Chrystal M., Kristi R., Bonnie T., Joan O., Mary M., Shirley F., John W., Janet S., Georgette F., Pam H., Mary D., Jeanne H., Carol T., Felix C., Nancy S., Norm E.,
3. For those in need of healing: Tom G., Carolyn G., Marlene H., Paislee & Family, Matthew B., Betty W., Gay, Linda F., Riley Family., Sharron K., Barbara F., Reed W., Karina S., Patti J., Kim H. B., Brian B., Michelle N., Sue M., Bob K., Felix C., Margie S., Sherry A., Sherry P., Veronica R., Sue N., Cherie P., Joseph P., Anne M., Connie B., Linda W., Barbara G., Beverly S., Mary M., Marcia W., Angel W., Denise M., Sandy W., Alex O., Jann Y., Bonnie L., Penny G., Wayne A., Susan S., Norma P., Sally N., Liz C., Nancy P., Kristin P., Jesse, Penne M., Donna P., Margaret H., Rhonda Z., Carla B., Clella V., Bonnie T., Connie J., Truett B., Mike B., Bob P., Lisa S., Kathryn G., Darcy W., Bob W., Sue H., Sharon E., Annie S., Norma J., Megan P., Carol T., Silvia Q., Cassie C., Andrea M., Nikki M., Jason B., Tommy S., Johnny S., Carol Q., Sandi H., Lupe A., Lori W., Daniel J., Bev K., Marc P., Julie S., Peter C., Judy S., Billy N., Meghan B., Jerry V., Tina, Bill G., Victoria M., Terry G., Rebecca B., Michelle C., Susie, Kim B., Don P., Whitney M., Ken C., Tom, Mike S., Nancy F., Nancy, Cheryl T., Nathan S., Kerrie D., Don H., Carlos G., Luisa S., Tim P., Charlotte B., Tom C., Julie E., Paula O., Kylie S., Dick S., Allen S., Jessie L., Sherry C., Gayle P., Julie K., Lin M., Milton T., Adriana B., Bill W., Renee B., Beverly M., Jacob M., Jan H., **Tyson N., Bredemeyer Family, Gerda P., Cheryle W., Melissa R., Boston B.,**
4. Those facing surgery: Patti S., Bob W., Janet G., Julie S., **Stella Rose W.,**
5. For persons awaiting test results: Bill S., Rick C., Lee B.,
6. For those nearing the end of their earthly journey: Maria N., Phyllis F., Marie R., Karen M., Virginia J., Kathryn W., **Norm E.,**
7. For family and friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Mike E., Paul L., Robert G., Nancy C., Marie B., Bob H., Mike T., Nualla

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C., Roxy W., Timeylee C., **Sheila A., Pres. Carter, Lee B., Doris E., Jon C.,**

- 8. For those dealing and experiencing anxiety and stress: Meghan B., Alyssa P., Blaithin (pronounced Blaheen) S., Schriener Family., Nancy B., Citlali C., Abby K., Sharon K., Kathy S., Cindy M., Cathy W., Donna and Bobby P., Angela, Sharon D., Luisa S. and family, Caitlyn K., Kelsey S., Annette, Novia M., Buck H., Rose and Ken H., Dianna G., Sigl Family, Phillip, Gabriel, Kathy H., Kistler Family, Pam J., Rodney H., Bryona W.,
- 9. For medical staff (Especially those who are tired, depressed, or experiencing PTSD), Nurses and Doctors working without assistance and for protection for our first and frontline responders
- 10. For those fighting addictions and mental disorders and those who treat them: Michael S., Citlali C., Danlin M., Lauren, Isabella R., Gianna C., Abby K.,
- 11. For those who give the gift of life: Alexis G., Taylor H., Talia S., Maddy P.,
- 12. For those who have to make difficult decisions: Jeff R.,
- 13. For those in times of transition: Kistler Family, **Batten Family,**
- 14. For those who must travel: Kistler Family., **Caitlyn K., Evan L., Lauryn K., Cassie, Cathy B., Susan D.,**
- 15. For our churches, members, Pastors, and their families, especially those in transition: All United Methodist Conferences and All churches in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.
- 16. For All Missionaries Working around the world.
- 17. For those in need of God's discernment: SOTV Leadership Council,
- 18. Thanksgiving for Diane Vines' Street medical ministry, and her nursing students
- 19. For those involved with The Bridge Ministry and for people in vulnerable situations (especially those with food, housing and weather-related challenges)
- 20. For people looking for a new job and those who are uncertain about their financial future: Lauren, Joe C., Darren B., Tiffany M.,
- 21. For those whose lives have been challenged by extreme weather conditions, earthquakes and Global Warming.
- 22. For racial justice and harmony
- 23. For those who courageously speak against injustice.

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24. For peace and harmony in our country, and the world and protection for our nation.
25. For leaders (especially those making hard decisions), our elected leaders, and Supreme Court Justices, and World Leaders
26. Service personnel away from home, and those in harm's way and all our Veterans especially Isabella R., Sofia R., Kyle R.,
27. For victims of gun violence and other violence, especially those affected by mass shootings.
28. For immigrants and refugees
29. For missing and exploited people.
30. For the Middle East and its people
31. We give thanks for old friends and new.
32. For our children and youth, their teachers, and all who care for them
33. For all creatures great and small, Dahlia M., Roxy P.,
34. For unspoken prayer requests

Thanksgiving for how God intervenes

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