

Spreading the Word And Living The Love Of Jesus
Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

People: God, help us find your glory.

Leader: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

People: God, help us notice your glory.

Leader: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

People: God, help us encounter your glory.

Leader: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

People: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "We Three Kings" #254 (UMH)

***Opening Prayer**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Hymn Of Praise "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196 (UMH)

Scripture: **John 1:1-18** Please use Bibles or a Bible App for the scripture reading.

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Three L's"

Rev. Mary Sullivan

Sacrament of Holy Communion *Please see insert for reading*

Offering

The offering plates will be passed through the aisles by the ushers.

Please place your prayer cards in the plates.

If you prefer to give electronically, please visit bgtrinity.org and click the [tithe.ly](#) link.

Special Music

***Doxology Hymn** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #625 (HWC)

*Prayer of Dedication

Song of Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496 (UMH) *verse 1 only*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Love Came Down At Christmas" #242 (UMH)

Postlude

* indicates - please rise in body or spirit

Prayer cards are available in pews. Please place your prayer cards in the offering plate when it is passed. You may indicate on the card if you want it read or for the pastor's information only.



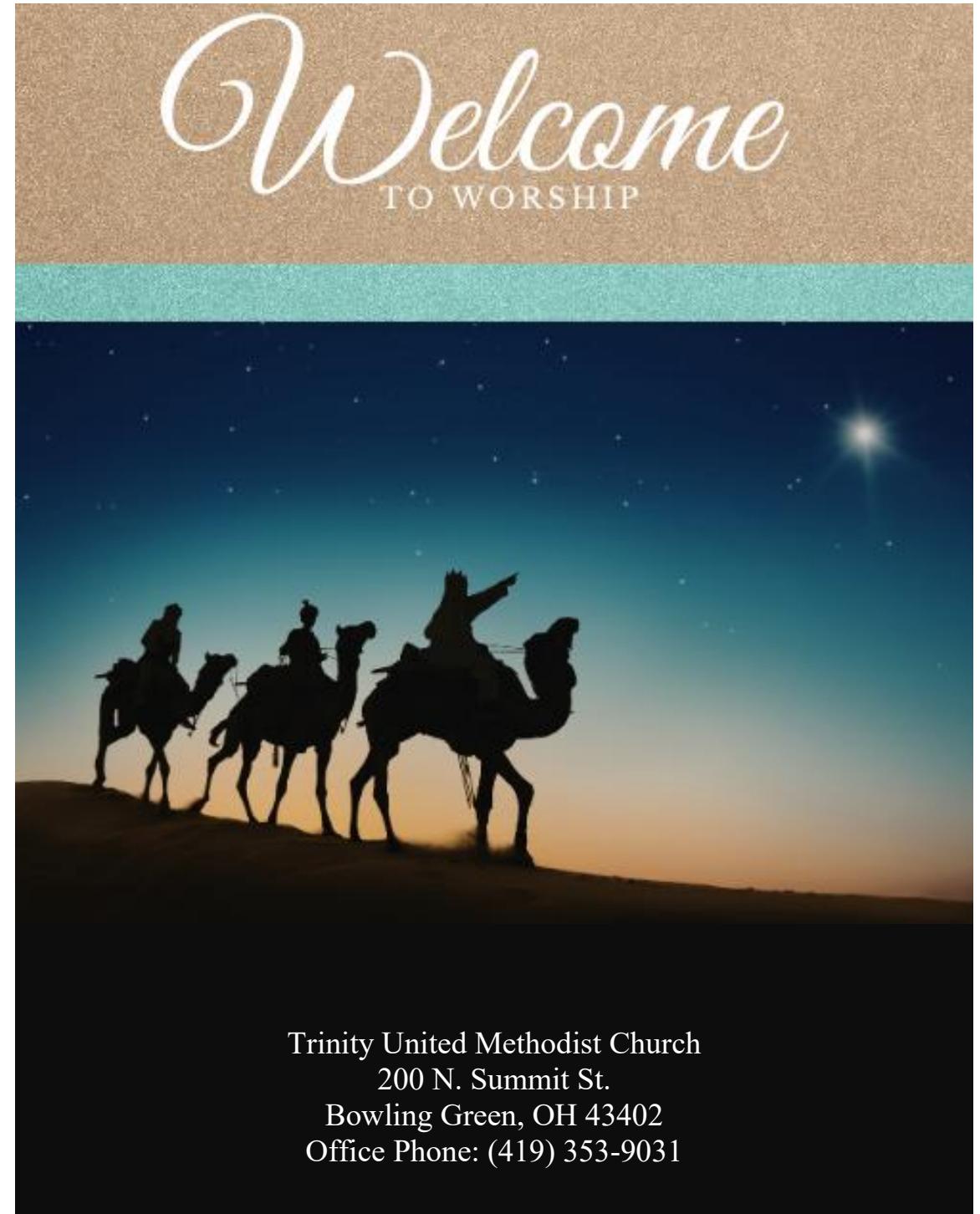
Prayer Requests & Celebrations

Congregational Concerns & Celebrations:

- Praise! Karie Rodriguez had her 7th grandchild, Hudson Michael, born on Christmas Day.
- For Karie Rodriguez's dad, Gene Dukes, for recovery and healing.
- For Sally Snider's grandson, Theo, for his health.
- For Shirley Rath, health concerns.
- For Helen Duke's health.
- For Pastor Mary's friend, Joyce, for recovery and healing after breast cancer surgery.
- For Maya Fisher's dad, Larry, for healing.
- For Linda Saint, who fell and is recovering at The Willows.
- For continued healing for Katie Spittler's daughter, Abby, who was in an accident.
- For our members who are homebound or reside in nursing care centers

World Concerns:

- For those in need in our community, country, and worldwide
- For the peace of Christ to prevail in the areas of our world where conflict persists



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Week of January 4-11

Sunday 01/04

Coffee Hour 8:45am and 11:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Handbell Choir Practice 9:15am
Worship 10:00am
Choir Practice 11:15am

Monday 01/05

Tuesday 01/06

Wednesday 01/07

Strings of Faith 1:00pm

Thursday 01/08

Sew, Knit, Crochet 1:00pm
Al-Anon 7:00pm

Friday 01/09

Trinity Connections at The Willows 2:00pm

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Our Little Necessities Pantry Needs You!

We're running **extremely low** on essential pantry items and could use your help. Donations of non-perishable basics are especially needed right now. Every item makes a difference for someone in our community. Thank you for supporting this ministry of care and compassion!

Volunteers Needed

The Christmas decorations will be taken down and properly stored immediately following the worship service on **January 11**. Anyone willing to lend a hand is kindly asked to see Beverly Miner for more information.

Lead Team, mark your calendars!

2026 Lead Team meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our first meeting will be on January 19th. Questions or concerns? Please contact Pastor Mary.



SOUP D showdown



February 8th, 2026

Get your best soup recipe ready- it's time for a friendly competition!

Join us immediately after the church service as we go head-to-head to see whose soup will take the crown.

Who will be this year's champion?

Come taste, vote and enjoy a great time of fellowship!

Offering made easy!

Your extravagant generosity to the church is just a click away! Consider using the QR code for tithing and offerings. You can even give to mission and special events using our "tithe-ly" link or on our website. Thank you for being so supportive as we grow in Christ's love by sharing what God has blessed us with!



Ministry	January 4	January 11
Ushers	John Rutter Jerry Milnor	John Rutter Jerry Milnor
Liturgist		
Coffee Hour		
Livestream Tech	David Avery	David Avery
Sound Tech	Doug Walter	Doug Walter
Vocalist		
Pianist	Isabella Brill	Isabella Brill
Director of Discipleship and Outreach	Marie Rittenberry	Marie Rittenberry

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