

SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 5, 2025
Second Sunday after Christmas / Epiphany

Pastor: Jaime Torres
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Carolyn Diaz
Reader: Heather Nielsen

***Gathering Hymn: “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”; “Change My Heart, Oh God“**

Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

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Liturgist: 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.

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

Prayer of Confession All:

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world.

Liturgist: Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen. ([Matthew 2:1-12](#))

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

***Doxology:**

UMH # 94

Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer

UMH # 895

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. Amen.

***Preparation Hymn**

“We Three Kings”

UMH # 254

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament – Ephesians 3:1-12

Communion

Message

“Rich Beyond Measure in Christ”

By Pastor Jaime Torres

***Hymn of Commitment**

“There's a Song in the Air”

UMH # 249

Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People: Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Liturgist Announcements: Music Class: Mondays at One Step at 5:00 p.m.; Coffee House: Fridays at Starbucks at 11:00 a.m; Pastoral Visits: Thursdays and Fridays – call to request; Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday January 15th, 3 p.m.; Next Food Share: Saturday, January 18th.; Church Visioning Session: Thursday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come among so that the love of the Christ child may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go. Amen.

***Closing song** May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you.

***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Pastor
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Hand Bell Choir Director
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Carolyn Diaz
Heather Nielsen
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Ramos

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple 1” Bible Study
Monday’s 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

Our Mission

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,
Christ centered church,
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

Our Vision

With God’s help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

January Birthdays

15th Marcia Heerema
15th Fran Lee

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to Epiphany and Communion Sunday

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