

St. John's is Mask Optional: Masks are not required in our church buildings - with one exception. In order to provide a safe space for those who require or desire it, the balcony will remain "mask required" during worship services. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Church Guidance Team.

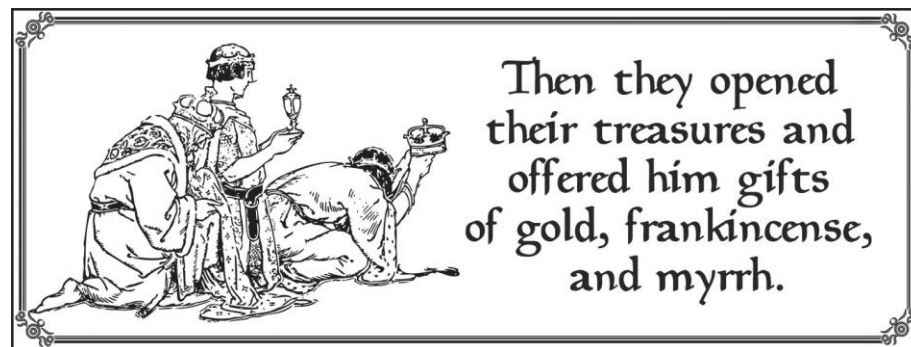
St. John's United Methodist Church

January 5, 2025 - The Second Sunday of Christmas
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

This Week's Calendar

Today, 1/5	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship (HH/K)
Mon, 1/6	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer (HH)
	6:45 PM	Recovery Group Mtg. (HH)
	7:00 PM	Women's Book Study (WR1)
Tues, 1/7	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	2:30 PM	Study Club (HH)
	6:00 PM	Troop 180 (HH)
Wed, 1/8	8:30 AM	Early Risers (HH)
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	6:00 PM	Patrol Leaders Meeting (WR2)
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts 51480 (WR3)
	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts 22827 (WR1)
	7:00 PM	Meditation Group (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Mineral Club (HH)
Thur. 1/9	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	2:30 PM	Study Club (HH)
	6:00 PM	Pack 180 (HH/SS/WR)
	6:00 PM	<i>Praiseworthy</i> Rehearsal (S)
	6:30 PM	God In Yoga (Zoom)
	7:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Fri, 1/10	Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	
	10:00 AM	CLM Meeting (HH)
Sat, 1/11	6:00 PM	Contra Dance (HH)
	8:30 AM	Emmaus Board (HH/K)
Sun, 1/12	8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship (HH/K)

Hartford Hall, Sunday School, Wesley Room, Nursery, Sanctuary, Kitchen
(HH) (SS 1, 2,3,4,5) (WR 1,2,3) (N) (S) (K)



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Stephen MacKenzie, Director of Music/Organist
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Patty Hoogeveen, Accompanist
George Reagan, Percussionist
Andy Galt and Guy Eaton, Carillonneurs
Naomi Connelly, Lay Leader
Jana Marie Whitten and Wanda Winnicki, Deaconesses
Rev. Dr. Jaquelyn Brannen, Superintendent, Granite District
Rev. Dr. Thomas Bickerton, Bishop, New England Conference
Diana Schuman, Today's Liturgist

* - Indicates please stand if comfortable doing so
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS - The Faith We Sing

WELCOME PACKETS - Feel free to take/share one of the Welcome Packets that are in the Narthex. These are great resources for newcomers!

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS - Would you like to receive our weekly church newsletter, and/or our monthly newsletter? Sign up through the link on the Contact page on our website! <https://stjohnsdover.org/contact/>

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Order of Service

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Rev. Jeff Hunt

Call To Worship

Diana Schuman

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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.*

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

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024

***Opening Hymn**

TFWS 2093 (Black)

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

You Are the Light

Fettke

Message

Remembering and Relationships

Pastor Jeff

***Hymn of Response**

UMH 254 (Purple)

We Three Kings

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

UMH 895 (Purple)

Invitation to Give and to Serve God

*The fish basket will be in the center aisle as you come forward for
communion. There is also an offering plate in the narthex for your
convenience.*

The Lord's Supper

Responses UMH 13 (Purple)

Our table is open to all who desire to follow Jesus. The usher will indicate when it is time for your pew to join the line in the center aisle. When you reach the front, we will give you a piece of bread to eat. If you require gluten-free bread, please inform your server. Then you will be given a cup of the grape juice to drink. Please leave the empty cup in the communion rail slots. Return by the side aisles to your seat. If you wish to receive the ministry of anointing or laying on of hands, stop at the end of the rail nearest the piano.

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 246 (Purple)

Joy to the World

Blessing and Sending Forth

Music as We Leave

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

All are invited into Hartford Hall immediately following this morning's worship service for fellowship and refreshments. Hartford Hall is the building to your right as you exit the sanctuary. It has been the tradition at St. John's to celebrate the birthday of Jesus on the first Sunday after Christmas. Please join us!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS - Can you help? Sign up in Hartford Hall by the serving window.

ALTAR FLOWERS - The flower Chart for 2025 is posted in Hartford Hall. Please sign up for a Sunday (or more) to provide flowers for the worship service to honor or remember someone special. There are multiple vacancies. Contact Sheila Marquette with questions.