

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany Sunday  
January 5, 2025

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude D. Buxtehude  
“Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer”

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes  
Gathering & Announcements

\*Hymn UMH 117  
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### Words of Worship

\* For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**OA time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time for peace.**

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

**A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

**A time for war and a time for peace.**

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand in

awe before him.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

\*Hymn “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707

\*The Peace Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Carolyn Trezevant  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Message Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

**A Time for a New Year**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Giving Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

Offertory H. Schroder

“The Shadows Are Falling”

\*Doxology UMH 95

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Christ’s Table

Confession and Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer After Receiving

## SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn UMH 395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Rita Sims

\* Postlude J. Pachelbel

“All Hail This Brightest Day of Days”

\* **Stand as you are able**



### **Mission of the Month**

The January Mission of the Month is The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with the “Pastor’s Fund” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.



### **Worship Leaders**

Cheryl Murray Pastor  
Julio Villeda, Music Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

## Upcoming Activities

January 7 –Men’s Breakfast @ Texas Café at  
8:00  
--Women’s Study Group @ 3:00

January 8 –Country Home Estates Service at  
2:00



Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children’s Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Julio Villeda
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



- Our world, country and leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
  - Family of Pat Skauge
  - Mike Clay
  - Debbie Dunham
  - Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth
  - Judy Rudoff
  - Diane Garcia
  - Bill Heitholt
  - Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts’ mother
  - Betty Martin
  - Anna Blohm
  - Rose Stapleton
  - Carlos Rickman
  - Jack Kelly, Jill Grove’s father
  - Jack Gray
  - Richard Young
  - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
  - Manuel Harrison
  - Georgia Gholston
  - Melanie & Judy Cortea
  - Robert Seay
  - Rita Thompson



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10:00 am. Sanctuary