



January 18th, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Epiphany - Come and See

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes,

People: So that we may behold your presence.

Leader: O Lord, open our ears,

People: So that we may hear your call to follow.

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts,

People: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

Prayer

Hymn *Open the Eyes of My Heart* VT #401

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Musical Reflection *What a Fellowship* VT #160, vv.1,3

Prayers of the People Jan Steven

Hymn *Holy God, we praise thy name* HWB #121, vv.1,2,4

Scripture Reading Isaiah 49:1-7 (OT p.679)

Hymn *You're Not Alone* VT #779

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NT p.165)

Meditation "Jesus Revealed In Us" Darrell Winger

A Poem for Epiphany

by Kate Compston

O God,
who am I now?
Once, I was secure
in familiar territory
in my sense of belonging
unquestioning of
the norms of my culture
the assumptions built into my language
the values shared by my society.
But now you have called me out and away from home
and I do not know where you are leading.
I am empty, unsure, uncomfortable.
I have only a beckoning star to follow.
Journeying God,
pitch your tent with mine
so that I may not become deterred
by hardship, strangeness, doubt.
Show me the movement I must make
toward a wealth not dependent on possessions
toward a wisdom not based on books
toward a strength not bolstered by might
toward a God not confined to heaven
but scandalously earthed, poor, unrecognized...
Help me find myself
as I walk in others' shoes.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations.

This week we pray for **Brussels Mennonite Fellowship**.

Pray for God's wisdom, clarity and hope as they seek a half-time pastor to walk with them in ministry.

God of mercy, we pray for **peace in our world**, especially in places burdened by conflict, fear and violence. Bring healing where war has torn communities apart, and strengthen all who work for justice, reconciliation and safety. May your peace take root in every troubled region and in every human heart.

The 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 that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

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