



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21214

Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, January 4, 2026      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas

Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM    ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Wanda Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O God, who created our world with a single word,

**Shine on us this day.**

O God, who created our lives with a single word,

**Shine on us this day.**

O God, who gave us the power to believe with a single word,

**Make us your children. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2005 "Arise, Shine"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**Almighty God, we are your people, and through Jesus Christ you have made us your children. In this time of worship when we give you thanks for your many blessings, we pray, too, that your Holy Spirit will give us new strength and courage that we might share the Good News of Jesus with countless others. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

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\*GOSPEL LESSONS: John 1: 1-18

Matthew 2:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2071 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

COMMUNION HYMN: FWS #2204 "Light of the World"

THE LORD'S TABLE: UMH pp. 12-15

### **WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

### **WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O Lord, Jesus Christ, you gave your life for us, and in gratitude we can do no less than serve you with our lives and all that we have. Accept these gifts as symbols of our total commitment to you and your kingdom. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: UMH #254 "We Three Kings" vs. 1 & 5

**Thought for your journey:** *The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost.* Luke 19:10  
**I am valuable to God.**

### **Scripture Lessons for January 11, 2026, Baptism of the Lord:**

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17

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