



## ***Peace United Church of Christ***

### ***Worship Resources for the Second Sunday after Christmas/Observing Epiphany***

***New Year Communion      January 4, 2026***

*NOTE: Please prepare your Communion elements before viewing the service*

## **Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn      “The First Noel”**

This star drew nigh to the north-west,  
Over Beth-le-hem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right ov-er the place where Je-sus lay.

Noel, No-el, No-el, No-el,  
Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Then en-tered in those wise men three,  
Full rev-er-ent-ly up-on the knee,  
And of-fered there, in His pre-sence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense. (Refrain)

## **Prayer of Invocation**

***God of the Star and the Journey,  
we praise you for these Christmas days of discovery.  
We marvel at the miracle that is Jesus, of how he was hoped for,  
searched for, given honor and praise.  
May the light of the star continue to lead us toward His ways. Amen***

**Meditation**

**Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

**Gather at the Welcome Table: Communion for the New Year**

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Light of Lights, we thank you for being our host for this sacred meal.***

***We offer our gratitude for the welcome we receive and witness,  
for the nourishment of body and spirit, and for the promise  
of the never-ending table that awaits us.***

***May this New Year bring peace and kindness to the world. Amen***

**Closing Hymn                    “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

**Benediction & Sending Forth**