

**COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF CHULA VISTA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM**

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ**

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you
are welcome here!***

276 F St. Chula Vista, Ca 91910

Welcome!

Mabuhay!

Bienvenidos!

We welcome you in the name of the still speaking God!
We invite all ***guests*** to please **PRINT** their name and contact info
on the ***“Information Card”*** in the pew rack and place the card
in the offering plate. Anyone with a prayer request,
please put it on the ***“Information Card”***
and place it in the offering plate.
If you need assistance, please ask our Greeters.

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Thought Before Worship: “Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.” The Polar Express

Prelude: Lionel Jasmin and Aiden Keys

Lighting of the Candles:

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Victoria Freiheit

Liturgist: Sandra Nunnally

***Gathering Music:** 1.Lord I Lift Your Name on High
 2. O Come Let Us Adore Him
 3. Go tell it on the Mountain

Opening Prayer: Rev. Victoria

Our Motto: **“No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
 you are welcome here!”**

Opening Hymn: **I Sing the Mighty Power of God NCH p. 12 All**

Call to Worship: (Responsively) Sandra Nunnally

One: On this very first Sunday of the new year, we turn to our God.

All: We come to praise, offer thanks, and to rededicate our lives.

One: At the beginning of this year, we stop to renew our Covenant.

**All: The God of all ages has made a commitment to us in the life of Jesus
Christ. And now, we offer ourselves, in worship and service, in commitment to
our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: **We Three Kings of Orient Are Red P.206 All**

*** Please stand if you are able.**

Prayer of Invocation: Unison by Frances R. Havergal Sandra Nunnally
Standing at the portal of the opening year; Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear. For the year before us, O what rich supplies! For the poor and needy living streams shall rise; for the sad and sinful shall His grace abound; For the faint and feeble perfect strength is found. Amen.

Choir Anthem: For The Bread Which You Have Broken
by Lloyd Larson

Children's Time: Rev. Victoria

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Included in the sermon

Sermon: Epiphany Rev. Victoria

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION Sandra Nunnally

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION

How hard it is to wait for you, O God. We long for the stillness of a holy night, we eagerly want to feel again the radiant joy of your birth. And we want peace on earth. Teach us to wait hopefully and expectantly. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Victoria

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you do it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Come Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Come down the center aisle to receive Communion by Intinction, then return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, we will bring communion to you, if you will please get as close to the inner aisle as possible.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks Almighty God that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Call to Offering: Unison

Sandra Nunnally

As we give to you today, O Lord, we ask you to help us to make peace on earth. When that is difficult, let there be peace in our hearts because of all that we give to You. Amen.

Offertory:

Lionel Jasmin and Aiden Keys

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.*

Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)

Sandra Nunnally

Lord, we give our offerings today thanking you. For your presence in our lives changes everything about us. Help us enter this new year with a generous heart and train us in faithfulness toward you. Amen.

***Closing Hymn:**

Some Children See Him Red p. 181 all verses

***Benediction:**

Rev. Freiheit

Form a circle

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Maker, All one Family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment.

With peace eternally, let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude:

Lionel Jasmin and Aiden Keys

Announcements

WE WELCOME YOU to the Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. To our visitors we extend a special greeting. We are delighted that you have joined us today. Please sign the information card and let us know if you need prayers.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY January 4th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

TUESDAY January 6th

5:00 PM American Youth - Bradley Hall

7:00 PM AA Top of the Hill – Lounge

FRIDAY January 9th

10:00 AM Bible Study meets in Lounge

SUNDAY January 11th

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

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Epifanía

Cada año aprendo algo nuevo sobre la Epifanía. Quizás ya lo sepas: la canción llamada "Los doce días de Navidad" tiene significados para cada uno de los elementos que se mencionan. Aquí están:

La perdiz en un peral representaba a Jesucristo.

Dos tórtolas representaban el Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento.

Tres gallinas francesas representaban la Fe, la Esperanza y el Amor.

Cuatro pájaros cantores representaban los cuatro Evangelios: Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan.

Cinco anillos de oro representan la Torá, la Ley, los primeros cinco libros de la Biblia: Génesis, Éxodo, Levítico, Números y Deuteronomio.

Seis gansos poniendo huevos representaban los seis días de la creación.

Siete cisnes nadando representaban los siete dones del Espíritu Santo: Profecía, Servicio, Enseñanza, Exhortación, Contribución, Liderazgo y Misericordia.

Ocho doncellas ordeñando representaban las ocho bienaventuranzas.

Nueve damas bailando representaban los nueve frutos del Espíritu Santo: Amor, Gozo, Paz, Paciencia, Benignidad, Bondad, Fidelidad, Mansedumbre y Dominio propio.

Diez señores saltando representaban los Diez Mandamientos.

Once flautistas tocando representaban a los once discípulos fieles.

Doce tamborileros tocando simbolizaban los doce puntos de fe del Credo de los Apóstoles.

Estoy agradecido a quienes nos precedieron, que crearon todas esas canciones que cantamos en Navidad, ¡y esta también! El significado de la palabra Epifanía: En términos sencillos, una epifanía es un momento repentino de profunda comprensión o revelación sobre algo importante, que a menudo cambia la forma en que vemos el mundo o a nosotros mismos. Es como si se encendiera una bombilla, revelando una verdad o un significado más profundo que antes estaba oculto, a veces provocado por un simple evento como una manzana que cae o una experiencia personal.

Esos Reyes Magos, o Magos, buscaban al que nacería como Rey de los Judíos. Eran visitantes eruditos de Oriente (probablemente Persia/Babilonia) que siguieron la "Estrella de Belén" para encontrar y adorar al recién nacido Jesús, trayendo regalos de oro, incienso y mirra, que simbolizaban su realeza, divinidad y futuro sufrimiento; Aunque no se mencionan por su nombre en la Biblia, la tradición los llama Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar y los representa como reyes, pero probablemente eran sacerdotes o astrólogos, que representaban a los primeros gentiles en reconocer a Cristo.

¿Qué mensaje tienen para nosotros hoy? Es sencillo: sin importar quién seas ni en qué etapa de la vida te encuentres, como los Reyes Magos, busca a Jesús. Ellos viajaron un largo camino; nosotros solo tenemos que orar y venir a la iglesia.

Quizás tengas preguntas sobre lo que leíste; ven al estudio bíblico del viernes y comparte tus preguntas. ¿Acaso crees que los demás participantes del estudio bíblico no tienen preguntas? Todos tenemos preguntas. ¡Podemos culpar a Dios por eso, ya que nos dio estos cerebros maravillosos!

Ah, y una cosa más: al igual que los Reyes Magos, traemos regalos. ¿No tienes oro, incienso ni mirra? Pero sí tienes las habilidades que Dios te dio. Pronto tendremos nuestra Asamblea Anual, de hecho, en tres semanas. En la Asamblea Anual, haremos una lista de todas las personas de la iglesia que trabajan para Jesús aquí. ¿Te gustaría formar parte de alguna de estas juntas o comités?

Necesitamos que consideres ser Moderador, Vice Moderador, Secretario de la Iglesia, Tesorero, Tesoreros Auxiliares, Miembros Generales, Fideicomisarios, Comité de Monumentos Conmemorativos, Diaconado (es decir, los diáconos y diaconisas). Respira hondo, aún hay más:

Asistentes, Anfitriones, Liturgista, Comité de Crecimiento, Educación Cristiana, Bellas Artes, Misiones y Alcance Comunitario, Apoyo Pastoral, Personal, Becas, Mayordomía, Comité de Nominaciones, Delegado a la Asociación del Sur, Delegado a la Conferencia del Sur de California/Nevada, Representante de Preescolar y, por último, pero no menos importante, el Equipo Audiovisual.

Sé como los Reyes Magos: busca a Jesús y tráele un regalo: el regalo de ti mismo. Amén.