

CAPE COD COVENANT CHURCH
Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We meet to worship God and to remember, tell, and show God's love.

Like a bright star in the night sky, the life of Christ lights up the whole world.

The star of hope shines on, and no darkness will overcome it.

The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be; where we have been and where we should go.

Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.

HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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INVOCATION

God of all people and all places, like the wise men of old, we come today into the presence of Jesus the Christ, to worship and adore him. Like them, we offer gifts; before Christ we lay the realities of our lives, good and bad. We offer our joy, love, laughter and tears, that they might be made holy by Your presence; we relinquish our bitterness, hatred and worry, that we might be renewed and made whole once more; through the loving Spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Mike Coute, reader

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Response: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

2nd Century

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

(Children through 6th grade are dismissed for Sunday School)

EPIPHANY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Beloved Jesus, may we have the faith and insight of the Wise Men, who, when faced with an ancient hope of a foreign people, and the appearance of a remarkable star shining brightly in the sky, somehow grasped the connection, and went and faithfully followed, leading them to you.

We stand now at the border of a new year, which is to us like an unknown country. We don't know what we will experience as we traverse it; we don't

know what obstacles will lie across our path. We don't know what we will encounter along the way.

Lead us, like the Magi of old, on a quest of faithfulness and worship, of hopefulness and generosity, leading us always into your perfect presence and peace. Amen.

HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

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THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Response: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Pastor Johnny

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Song of Preparation

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Invitation to the Table

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Bread and The Cup

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Go out into the world and shine with the light of Christ.

We will love, forgive, and show mercy; we will make peace, and tell all of the good news of Jesus.

And may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

- **HEY KIDS!** You will be dismissed during the service for Sunday School! Be sure to visit our **YOUNG READERS LIGHTHOUSE LIBRARY** (located next to the elevator in the narthex) to borrow an age-appropriate bible.
- **An offering plate is in the narthex by the doors to the sanctuary.** Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the ministries of our church.
- **For hearing enhancement devices** or information on our T-Loop Hearing System, please visit our morning usher.
- **Copies of our weekly Prayer List** can be found on the table in the narthex by the exterior doors, or online at www.capecodcovenantchurch.com

Congratulations to Doug and Natasha Hopkins at the birth of the daughter, Vivian Adeline, on January 1st. We lift up our prayers of joy for them, and for grandmother Bev Hopkins.



CAPE COD COVENANT CHURCH
a place to belong, believe & become

Welcome! We are thrilled that you have chosen to join with us this morning as we worship our amazing God of grace and love. We hope that you will discover this to be a place where you can BELONG, BELIEVE and BECOME. If you are here with us for the first time, please be sure to visit our church website, www.capecodcovenantchurch.com

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Custodian:	Frank Cornwell
Pastor Emeritus:	Rev. Thomas Nelson

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On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

- Matthew 2:11-12