

*FUMC San Benito 2nd Core Belief : A place of prayer and dependence
on God for direction and guidance.*



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First Sunday after Epiphany



January 11, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping
with us either
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

*Point to Ponder: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up"
(Galatians 6:9).*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

God, help us find your glory.

We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

God, help us notice your glory.

We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

God, help us encounter your glory.

On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 249

"There's a Song in the Air"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR JANUARY:

2 Timothy 1:7

**For God has NOT give us a spirit of fear; but of POWER,
LOVE & of a SOUND MIND.**

2 Timothy 1:7

***HYMN OF THE WORD**

No. 254

"We Three Kings"

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Louise Humble

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Adoration of the Magi"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

Apostles' Creed

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of God has risen upon us!

Pastor: As we go forth we trust that The light of God is with us;

People: God's light now dwells with us;

Pastor: Let us go forth worshiping God for we can worship God anywhere. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn