

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Tatamy, Pennsylvania**

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord –  
January 11, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

P: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

L: The Magi followed the star and found the Christ child.

P: **They worshiped – and went home by another way.**

L: Jesus stepped into the waters of baptism and was named Beloved.

P: **We come to remember who we are and whose we are.**

L: Come, let us worship the God who reveals, claims, and sends us.

P: **We come, seeking the way that leads to life.**

HYMN #233 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

CONFESSION

**God of light and life, you reveal yourself to us, yet we often prefer familiar roads to faithful ones. You show us another way, but we cling to what is safe, convenient, or comfortable. We admire the light without following it. We remember our baptism, yet forget what it calls us to be. Forgive us for the ways we resist change, for the times we choose fear over trust, and for the moments we fail to walk in your love. Turn us again toward your truth. Set us on the path of Christ, and lead us home by another way.**

## ASSURANCE

Before Jesus preached a sermon or healed a single person, he was named by God: Beloved. In Christ, we are forgiven, claimed, and called – not because we have walked perfectly, but because God is faithful. Know this: You are forgiven. You are beloved. You are free to walk a new way. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## #734 GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 1-12; Matthew 3: 13-17

## MEDITATION

HYMN #241 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, the Magi offered gifts in response to what they had seen. We offer these gifts in response to what we have received. Use what we bring – our resources, our time, our lives – to further your work in the world. In Christ's name, Amen.**

**HYMN #237 *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child***

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (#248 verse 1)**

**I want to walk as a child of the light;**

**I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world;**

**The star of my life is Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all;**

**The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God;**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Joyce and Bill Hodge in memory of loved ones.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS—Every Saturday from 10 am until noon, first Wednesday of the month 9 am till 10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm till 7 pm.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

***11 Becky Stocker***

***13 Robert Siegel***

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