



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**January 4, 2026**  
*Epiphany Sunday*

January 4, 2026  
9:00 a.m.  
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### Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.  
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

### Welcome to Worshipers

Jordann McMahan

### Centering Silence

Jordann McMahan

One: We breathe in the breath of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Call to Worship

Jordann McMahan

One: God of peace and love, bring to us a new awareness

**All: Of your kingdom at work in the world.**

One: Grant that we may see and understand

**All: The small and unassuming things,**

One: Which take patience and attention to notice:

**All: A seed,**

One: Yeast in bread,

**All: Treasure buried in a field,**

One: A net cast into water,

**All: A baby lying in a manger.**

One: We acknowledge that we mostly miss the signs when they are not flashy or earth-shaking,

**All: But that your kingdom is all around us.**

One: We acknowledge that Christ came to exhibit neither wealth nor political power,

**All: But self-sacrificing love, which the world had never seen and mostly overlooks.**

One: We acknowledge that the progress of the good work we do may be imperceptible to us,

**All: And that our success is in our obedience to you.**

One: We welcome your kingdom, in the world and in our hearts.

**All: We seek your kingdom, certain that we will find it.**

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+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.

One: We anticipate your kingdom,

**All: Working toward peace,**

One: Providing for the poor,

**All: Healing the sick,**

One: Loving our enemies.

**All: We trust in your love to provide for us in our seeking.**

One: Whether your spirit comes to us as a wind or a whisper,

**All: May we know your presence and be useful to your kingdom work. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

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

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**Scripture Reading —** Isaiah 60:1-6

Timothy Peoples

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD  
has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth  
and thick darkness the peoples,  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together;  
they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried in  
their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be  
brought to you;

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
And for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

Timothy Peoples

**Communion**

Georgia McKee

**Music for Meditation**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Amy and Katherine Pottkotter

arr. Amy Pottkotter

**Sending and Epiphany Star Giving**

Timothy Peoples

One: God our maker,  
We honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

**All: May the guardian in you protect us.  
May the child in you delight in us.**

One: May the friend in you challenge us.  
May your ashes resurrect us.

**All: May your sky shelter us.  
May the mystery of you liberate us.**

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.  
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

**All: For you have made us, and we are still being made.  
Amen.**

**We're glad you're here.**

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pews and can be given to any minister after the service.

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*We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.*