

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***

**January 5, 2025 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Epiphany Sunday**

*To God all glorious heavenly light;  
To Christ revealed in earthly night;  
To God the spirit now we raise.  
Our grateful hymn of thankful praise. Amen.*

**Prelude** *From Heaven Unto Earth I Come* Luther

**Blessed is he who was born that we might have life.  
Glory to God and on earth peace to all people.**

**Welcome** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

. . .This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from Rev. Andy Bryan)

God, we come to worship in this new year hoping it will be better.  
**Guide our thinking and doing and help us remember:**  
2025 will be kinder,  
**if I am kinder.**  
2025 will be more compassionate,  
**if I show more compassion.**  
2025 will be less anxious,  
**if I offer more grace.**  
2025 will be more just,  
**if I advocate for more justice.**  
2025 will be less contentious,  
**if I speak more gently.**  
2025 will be less violent,  
**if I more actively work for peace.**  
2025 will be more loving,  
**if I demonstrate love more freely.**  
Guide us by your Light,  
**that we may bring your Light to the world.**

**\*Hymn** *We Three Kings* vs. 1 & 5 UMH #254

**Litany of Affirmation** (by Helen Lambie, adapted)

**We believe in a bright and amazing God who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light, twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over and over again. We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us, and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over and over again. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as siblings, and to the Maker's business in the world. God said: Let there be light. Amen**

**Sharing of Star Words** Pastor Amy

**Hymn** *Star- Child* TFWS #2095

**Celebration of Holy Communion** liturgy by Moira Laidlaw, from Liturgies Online website

. . .and we join with them and with all people to praise your holy name:

**Holy Lord, God of endless love,  
heaven and earth are surely full of your glory.  
The angels sang of it—we have been lavished with it.**

\* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit

**The Lord's Prayer** (in your heart language) UMH #895

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

*All are invited to come forward for Communion. Children are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing, at the discretion of their parents. We will receive by intinction: a piece of bread dipped in grape juice, placed in your crossed, open hands. Napkins are available in the front pew. A gluten-free option is available on the Communion table. Please alert an usher if you'd like to receive Communion seated in your pew.*

**Music during Communion** *A Star Shone Bright* Garland/Eng. melody

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1 UMH #191

**A Time for Young Disciples**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Song** *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1 UMH #191

**Responding to God's Gift of Light**

*Epiphany Letter from the Council of Bishops* Pastor Ian

**Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH #206

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering our Gifts, Tithes and our Thanks**

**Offertory** *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* Haugen

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UMH #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** Pastor Ian Carlos Urriola

**Passing the Torch & Sharing our Gifts: Leadership Transitions**

**Prayer Song**

**Pastoral Prayer** "Epiphany" by Walter Brueggemann from [Prayers for a Privileged People](#)

**\*Hymn** *Angels from the Realm of Glory*, vs. 1,3,4 UMH #220

**\*Blessing** "Star Giving" by Ann Weems from [Kneeling in Bethlehem](#)

**\*Postlude** *If I Could Visit Bethlehem* Hopson


Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by The Trustees.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, January 5</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>Epiphany Sunday</b> Worship Worship
<b>Monday, January 6</b> 9:30 AM	Earlybirds
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b> 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Meditation/Senior High room SPRC/FS
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b> 8:30 AM 9:30AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fixits Explorers AA mtg./FS Table Talk/Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, January 9</b> 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Seekers BH-BL Women's Club Choir rehearsal
<b>Sunday, January 12</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Worship Worship Prepare lunch for SK

## Welcome

**Welcome to worship!** If you are new, please fill out a welcome card found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.

## Announcements

- Please join us for a weekly meditation group every **Tuesday from 10:00-11:30** hosted by Marilyn Stoner.
- **Please stay after the 10:30am worship service today to help undecorate the tree and the sanctuary.** Many hands make light work! You may also **take your angels home** from the window sills. Thank you for sharing them with us during the season! The Altar Committee thanks you for your help and time.
- **Giving Tree Summary** - This year we were able to **provide Christmas to 10 families with a total of 30 children, 16 adults and 107 presents.** This is an estimated giving of approximately \$4400 when the food gift cards are accounted for. Thanks to all who gave gifts. A special thanks to the LAF for providing funds used to purchase the food gift cards.
- **We are recruiting ushers for 2025!** If you are interested in being an usher, please scan the QR code and sign up with sign up genius or contact Sue Hennessey or Brenda Little. 
- Join us on **Sunday, January 19, from 4-7 p.m.** for a cozy Winter Potluck & Family Night! Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of delicious food, fun games, and fellowship for all ages. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with friends and family during the winter season. See you there! For more information, contact Katherine Weis or Orion Marchese.
- All are welcome to find joy and connection in the new year through shared expression! Share your stories, explore your gifts, and celebrate community at a day-long gathering facilitated by Beth McLaughlin, Renee Mesh, and Marilyn Stoner on **Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Knight Hall.** Participants will share food, fun, and fellowship as they engage in story-telling exercises, drum circles, collaging, and more! Lunch will be provided and childcare is available to those who will need it. Sign up forms are located on the bulletin board outside of Knight Hall. Contact Beth, Renee, or Marilyn for more information!



Share your stories, explore your gifts, and celebrate community  
Saturday, January 25, 2025 in Knight Hall  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (please plan to attend for whole day)



## come and play!

Story sharing  
Collaging  
Drum Circle  
Food  
Conversation  
Fun!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*

Associate: *Ian Urriola*

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# Burnt Hills

## United Methodist Church

### January 5, 2025



"The Three Visiting Magi", Byzantine wall mosaic, c. 526 CE  
Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy

### BHUMC Welcome Statement

*At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.*

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