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**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Epiphany**

January 4, 2026

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS**

*** PRELUDE HYMN # 241 (*vs 1, 3,4*)**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

GIFT OF MUSIC You Are Welcome Here *by Chris Muglia
Bob Donius*

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Arise! Shine, for your light has come,

People: the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

Leader: Though darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds, the peoples,

People: Upon you the LORD will dawn, and over you God's glory will be seen.

Leader: Nations shall walk by your light, kings by your shining radiance.

People: Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:

Leader: Your sons from afar, your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

People Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall throb and overflow.

Leader: For the riches of the sea shall be poured out before you, the wealth of nations shall come to you.

People: Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

All: All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the LORD.

*** HYMN #249 (*vs 1,2,3*) Angels We Have Heard on High**

GOSPEL READING *John 1:1-12, 14, 16*

Men: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Women: He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

Men: What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
Women: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Men: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
Women: He was not the light but came to testify to the light.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
Men: He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.
Women: He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.
Men: But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name.
Women: And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
Men: And we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
Women: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

***HYMN # 240 (v. 1,2,4)** **Joy to the World**

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN#247** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider these options: checks, cash, or arrange for your bank or credit union to send a monthly check to UUC at no charge to the donor.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY Away in the Manger *Bob Donius*

*DOXOLOGY & BLESSING

#71A: Praise God, the source of life and birth.
Praise God, the Word who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy Flame.
All glory, honor to God's name.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-15 (*pew Bible p.835*)

***HYMN #244 (vs 1-4)** **Silent Night**

SERMON *Bob Donius*

Epiphany Light: Radiant Beams from Thy Holy Face

*** BENEDICTION** Who Comes This Night *by James Taylor* *Bob Donius*

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace

POSTLUDE #252

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***Please stand as you are**
Please join us across the street for coffee and fellowship

January Leadership: Trustee: Dale Watson, Fellowship: Sharon Burdick, **Deacon:** MaryBeth McDonough, **Elder:** Cathy Rees

Prayer Concerns

Ding Jiaxi & Family, Chang Weiping & Family, Wes Bentz, Lowin, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Vangelia Perryman, Esther & Marcus Epps, Bob & Deb Lewis, Bob Condrate, Joan & Brad Bowden, Luanne Crosby's friends: Kathy Kalushka (breast cancer) & Kathy Bohlen (cancer), Joan Schulze's niece, Marnie Johnson, Joe Fasano as he relocates to CT to be with his daughter. Her address is c/o Kate Foster, 10 Monroe St. #515, Norwalk, CT 06854

Serving Today

Guest Preacher.....	Bob Donius
Lay Leader.....	Sharon Smith
Greeter(s).....	Bob Heineman
Flowers.....	Lana Meissner
Coffee Hour.....	McDonough
Keyboard.....	Katrina Von Buren
Usher.....	Lana Meissner
Zoom Hosts.....	Jim Ninos

Serving Sunday, January 11, 2026

Altar Communion

Guest Preacher.....	Sarah Jacoby Murphy
Lay Leader.....	Hope Briggs
Greeter(s).....	Briggs
Communion.....	Cathy Rees (EOM)
Coffee Hour.....	Ninos
Keyboard.....	Josh Coram
Usher.....	Mary Perkins
Zoom Hosts.....	Jim Ninos

<u>Upcoming Guest Preachers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Jan 11 Sarah Jacoby Murphy	Jan 11 Rees
Jan 18 Paul Briggs	Jan 18 Cartledge
Jan 25 Sarah Jacoby Murphy	Jan 25 Henry
<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Jan 11 Briggs	Jan 11 Ninos
Jan 18 Nichols	Jan 18 Chambers
Jan 25 Heineman	Jan 25 Briggs
<u>Lay Leaders</u>	<u>Usher</u>
Jan 11 Hope Briggs	Jan 11 Mary Perkins
Jan 18 Sharon Smith	Jan 18 M. Jusianiec
	Jan 25 M. Jusianiec

249 Angels We Have Heard on High

(Les anges dans nos campagnes)

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 (English) or 8.8.8.8 (French) with refrain

Capo 3: (D)
F(F#m)
Am(A)
C(D)
F(A)
C(D)
F

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing.
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove.

(D)
F(F#m)
Am(A)
C(D)
F(A)
C(D)
F

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

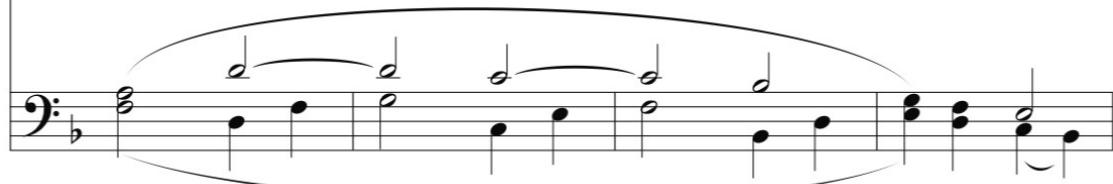
(D)
F(Bm7)
Dm7(Em7)
Gm7(A7)
C7(D maj7)
Fmaj7(G)
Bb(A)
C

Refrain



Glo

ri - a



(D) F (A) C (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

(D maj7) F maj7 (G) B♭ (A) C (D) F (D/A) (A) F/C C (D) F

French verses

1 Les an - ges dans nos cam - pa - gnes ont en - ton -
 2 Ber - gers, pour qui cet - te fê - te? Quel est l'ob -
 3 Cher - chons tous l'heu - reux vil - la - ge qui l'a vu

né, l'hym - ne des cieux, et l'é - cho de
 jet de tous ces chants? Quel vain - queur, quel -
 naï - tre sous ses toits; of - frons - lui le

nos mon - ta - gnes re - dit ce chant mé - lo - di - eux.
 le con - quê - te mé - ri - te ces cris tri - om-phants?
 ten - dre hom-ma - ge et de nos cœurs et de nos voix!

To refrain

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Joy to the World

ANTIOCH CM extended

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and
 ploy while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re -
 ground. He comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous ness, and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

247 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D

Descant, verse 3

3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

F C F C F Bb

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

F/C C F F Dm G7

new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord, late in time be - hold him come,
 right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry

Am C F G7 C F C7 F

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled." Joy - ful all ye na - tions,
 off - spring of the vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head
 ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry

Text: Charles Wesley (England), *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt.Music: Felix Mendelssohn (Germany), 1840; adapt. William H. Cummings (England), 1855, *Congregational Hymn and Tune Book*, 1857; desc. David Willcocks (England), *Carols for Choirs*, © 1961 Oxford University Press

by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us

C F C7 F C B♭

rise, join the triumph of the skies. With th'an-gel - ic
see, hail th'in-car-nate de - i - ty; pleased with us in
by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us

from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

D7 Gm C7 F C F

host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

B♭ D Gm C7 F C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."



244 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht (Silent Night, Holy Night / Noche de paz, noche de amor)

STILLE NACHT Irregular

Capo 3: (G)

B♭

(D 7)

F7

German: 1 Stil - - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - - les schläft,
 English: 1 Si - - lent night, ho - - ly night! All - - is calm,
 Spanish: 1 ¡No - - che de paz, no - - che de a-mor! To - - do duer - me en

ein - sam wacht, nur das trau - te, hoch hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - - gin moth - er and child!
 de - rre - dor. En - tre los as - - tros que es - par - cen su luz,

Hold - - er Knab - e im lock - ig - en Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - - ly in - - fant, so ten - - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 be - lla, a-nun-cian-do al ni - - ñi - - to Je - sús, bri - lla la - es - tre - lla de

(G) B♭ (G/D) B♭/F (D7) F7 (G) B♭

Ruh', schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh'!
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
paz, bri - lla la - es - tre - lla de paz.

2 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Hirten erst kundgemacht
durch der Engel Halleluja,
tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter, ist da!
Christ, der Retter, ist da!

2 *Silent night, holy night!*
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!"

3 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
Lieb aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
da uns schlägt die rettende Stund',
Christ, in deiner Geburt!
Christ, in deiner Geburt!

3 *Silent night, holy night!*
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant, beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

4 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Die der Welt Heil gebracht,
aus des Himmels goldenen Höh'n,
uns der Gnaden Fülle lässt seh'n,
Jesum in Menschengestalt!
Jesum in Menschengestalt!

4 *Silent night, holy night!*
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
"Alleluia" to our King,
"Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

2 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*
Oye humilde el fiel pastor,
coros celestes que anuncian salud,
gracias y glorias en gran plenitud,
por nuestro buen Redentor,
por nuestro buen Redentor.

3 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*
Ved qué bello resplandor
luce en el rostro del niño Jesús,
en el pesebre, del mundo la luz,
astro de eterno fulgor,
astro de eterno fulgor.

