

Epiphany



'Hope' by Sliman Mansour

January 7, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn *In Thy Holy Place We Bow (VT 40)*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Hymn *The First Noel (VT 250) (verses 3-5)*

Dedication of the Offering

PRAYER of the CHURCH

TELLING the EPIPHANY STORY

Children’s Feature

Hymn *On this Great Day of Days (VT 260)*

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon “Everyday Epiphanies”

RESPONDING

Hymn *As with Gladness (VT 277)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Benediction

Hymn *Longing for Light (VT 715)*

Postlude

We affirm that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Recognizing that we are all treaty people, with gratitude we acknowledge our gathering on Treaty #1 land and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

Imitating the inclusive welcome of Jesus, we seek to be a community marked by the love of God. Regardless of age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we invite you to make Bethel your spiritual home. Sharing the peace of Christ, together we strive to reveal the realm of God in the world.

Worship Focus

We will consider the cultural and historical backgrounds of the Magi and the significance of their journey from the East. The Magi bring a cultural richness to the Epiphany story, emphasizing the universal nature of Christ's message that transcends cultural boundaries. The focus will shift to the epiphanies we have in our everyday life, inviting us to see the Magi's encounter with Christ, not as a singular event but as an ongoing influence in their journey. With a mindset of openness and expectancy, we can recognize the possibility of encountering Christ in our everyday circumstances.



Today...

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- **Worship Service**, 10:00 am: Valerie Alipova preaching
- **Adult Ed**, at 11:15 am: "Our Stories Matter" continues with a presentation by Ana Gschwend, a self-described "scrappy girl in a scrappy world".
- **Kids Connecting** begins again, at 11:15 am, in the lower level.

... and beyond

- **Mon** (Jan 8) | **Harvest Manitoba**, 4:00 pm
- **Tues** (Jan. 9) | **Susan Dyck**: Viewing at 10:00 am, Funeral at 11:00 am
- **Wed** (Jan 10) | **BKC**, 6:00 pm | **BYC**, 7:10 pm | **Bethel Singers**, 7:15 pm
- **Thurs** (Jan 11) |
- **Fri** (Jan 12) | **MOMS group**, 9:30 am

- **Sun** (Jan 14) | **Worship**, 10:00 am, Kathy McCamis preaching | **Adult Ed**, 11:15 am | **Kids Connecting**, 11:15 am

More event details are posted on the website - [Bethel Calendar](#)

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