

Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.
- Questers will meet in the Common Room tomorrow, Monday, January 12th at 10:30 a.m. Lesson 4 is *“The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent”*. Afterwards we will share a salad luncheon. Contact Marilyn Gross at (805) 451-5879 for more information.
- Love of God Leadership team meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The L.O.G. retreat is March 6-8th. It is for youth, grades 8 - 12 and they are invited to attend.
- L.O.G. Rummage Sale: The LOG rummage Sale is February 7th. Drop off dates are Jan 25, Feb 1 & Feb 6th 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 25 at 10:45 a.m.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 11, 2026

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

PRELUDE “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Isaiah 60* Elder Sandy Adams

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

People: For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples,

Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

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

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

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

Leader: 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.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Verse 1

*please rise in body or spirit

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Sandy Adams

Jesus Said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." let us confess our sins first silently and then with the words in the bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and

baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. When we turn from our sin and trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are assured of the good news of the gospel that together we proclaim:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Those Who See Light"

Nancy Elze

Those who see light can walk in the dark.

Those who see love can see God.

Those who see light can walk in the dark.

Those who see love can see God.

*Those who look up will discover God's face,
Those who look down will uncover God's path.
Those who perceive God is here with us now
Will see God's return.*

Those who see light can walk in the dark.

Those who see love can see God

Those who see light can walk in the dark,

Those who see love can see God.

Those who have witnessed the sun rise and set,

Those who have studied a flower unfold.

*please rise in body or spirit

*Those who have focused on land, sea and sky
Have seen Jesus Christ*

*Those who see light can walk in the dark.
Those who see love can see God.
Those who see light can walk in the dark.
Those who see love can see God..*

*Those who see good in each person they meet,
Those who look after their neighbors in need,
Those who believe God's now living in them
Will see God's return.*

*Those who see light can walk in the dark.
Those who see love can see God.
Those who see light can walk in the dark.
Those who see love can see God.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION "The Star of Christmas"

Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw,
Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

Oh, what a light did shine, it's the star of Christmas
A morning we'll all remember
And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn
The day Jesus Christ was born.

And if the angels ask, "Do you believe?"

Just tell them, "Yes, I will receive."

And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn

The day Jesus Christ was born.

See the | joy...| on the children's | faces.. |

Just let the | light of Christmas | light up the darkest | places

And if there's | someone. | left to for | give... |

This is the | season.. | to let love | live, let love | live!

Oh, what a light did shine, it's the star of Christmas

A morning we'll all remember

And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn

The day Jesus Christ was born.

And if the angels ask, "Do you believe?"

Just tell them, "Yes, I will receive."

And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn

The day Jesus Christ was born.

What a light! I can see it shining.

What a light! It shines to make love known.

What a light! It's the star of Christmas

And it's guiding me my way back home.

(a cappella)

*please rise in body or spirit

What a light did shine, it's the star of Christmas
A morning we'll all remember
And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn
The day Jesus Christ was born.
And if the angels ask, "Do you believe?"
Just tell them, "Yes, I will receive."
And how the sun rose up on that Christmas morn
The day Jesus Christ was born.

STAR WORDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at

its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

MESSAGE

"A Search With Purpose"

Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising, Worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Verse 5

*please rise in body or spirit

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

OFFERTORY "What Star Is This with Beams So Bright" Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Sandy Adams

*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.

***CLOSING HYMN #280** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Verse 5

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" G. Winston Cassler

*please rise in body or spirit