



9:00 am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Epiphany Sunday

The Work of the People for January 4, 2026

The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the innocence and purity of the Christ-Child

GATHERING FOR PRAISE

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. H. DeCou

HYMN OF PRAISE / OPENING READING

UMH #254 - *We Three Kings*

Rev. Frank Lybrand

Matthew 2:1-12

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

N. Sleeth

Seaside Chancel Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LIGHTING THE EPIPHANY CANDLES

EPIPHANY CANDLE SONG

Bring the light of Epiphany, "The Christ-child we've come to see"
Say the Wise Ones still today, Send us back a different way
Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light

SCRIPTURE READING

Nancy Rodgers

1 Kings 18:17 (NRSV); Matthew 5:17-18a (MSG); Matthew 23:37 (CEB)

SERMON

Rev. Jonathan Tompkins

Prophet or Non-Prophet? Series: 'Afflicters & Comforters'

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY SONG

COMMUNION

***WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER**

Friends, let us claim the covenant God has made with His people and accept the yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke of Christ means that we allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ Himself is our only reward. Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others are unnatural. Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs; at other times, we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things. Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in His promises and relying on His grace.

I am no longer my own, but Thine.
Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by Thee or laid aside for Thee,
Exalted for Thee or brought low by Thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am Thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***HYMN OF SENDING - W&S #3157**

O WALY WALY

Come, Let Us Dream

Come, let us dream God's dream again
Come, one and all, let us ascend
the mountain top where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.

The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low.
This is God's dream: let justice flow.

When hatred ends and war shall cease,
so all may dwell in deepest peace,
then be assured the time is near
when perfect love casts out all fear.

But know the cost of claiming sight
of God's new day, of wrongs made right,
for some have paid the highest price,
their lives for us, a sacrifice.

Prophets are scorned in their own lands
and martyrs slain by righteous hands;
Though dreamers die the dream will live
for we have yet our lives to give.

***SUNG SENDING FORTH**

All Glory Be to Christ

KINGS KALEIDOSCOPE

(sung acapella to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne*)

His will be done His kingdom come, On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, All glory be to Christ!
All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

***POSTLUDE**

Antioch

arr. J. Bender

**please stand as you are able*

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Angels

W. Altman

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His rule and reign will ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

**please stand as you are able*

Music Leaders: Wayne Altman, Bruce Gale, Merryl Dietz, Beth Zeitler, and Matt Gredler

STEWARSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

| Date | In-Person 10:00 am | Online Worship |
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 Please note on your check or envelope if any year-end gifts are to be considered as a pre-pay against your 2026 pledge or giving. If you are giving a gift from an IRA, brokerage account, or bank check, please notify the church to ensure we properly credit your account. Questions about any gifts should be directed to Paula at 843.785.4711 or paularhiumc@gmail.com. *Thank you for your faithful giving!*

ILL OR CONVALESCING

Matt Thomas, Sue Kerr, Will & Cheri Jobbins, Claire Wheeler

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sign up to give the sanctuary flowers in memory or honor of a person or occasion in 2026. The schedule is located in the Narthex or call the church office.

GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 9 • 6:00 pm • Celebration Center

Join us for a fun-filled evening of parlor games, board games and cards. All ages welcome, perfect for a family night out; bring a savory snack to share.

Contact: Lorena Best at 843.441.1378 or bestlorenadream@gmail.com

MLK MEMORIAL MARCH

Monday, January 19 • 10:00 am • Hilton Head High School

Join others from St. Andrew and the Hilton Head community for the annual MLK Memorial March. The march begins and ends in the Hilton Head High School parking lot (70 Wilborn Rd., HH 29926). Look for the St. Andrew By-The-Sea banner.

Visit hiltonheadmlk.com for all the 2026 MLK event information.

MEMORY MATTERS COOKING DEMO

Thursday, January 22 • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Celebration Center

Chef Kim Baretta will talk about the benefits of the Mediterranean and MIND life-styles. Cooking and grocery shopping tips will be part of this presentation as you learn to eat like a Mediterranean! Preregistration is required.

Visit info@memorymatters.org to register, for class cost, and other details or call 843.842.6688.

SUDS SUNDAY - JANUARY 25

Each week the Soup Kitchen provides a useful, valuable personal hygiene or cleaning item to our guests. Please consider donating some of these items on Suds Sunday. A great budget-friendly resource is Dollar Tree or a convenient option is to order through Amazon or Walmart and have the items delivered to the church. All sizes of items accepted as long as they are *new and unopened*. Please bring them on Sundays along with your normal weekly grocery donations. Items especially needed: Shampoo/Conditioner, individual or combo; laundry detergent, all types; full-size bar soap; toothpaste.

REVOLUTION UMC YOUTH CONFERENCE

January 30 - February 1 • For students grades 6-12

Registration now open, use the QR code to sign up.



Contact: Alan Prochazka at umyfhiumc@gmail.com or 740.504.8208

SHORT TERM STUDIES BEGINNING THIS MONTH

• WE BELIEVE: *How the Nicene Creed can deepen your faith*

Seekers Class • Sundays, TODAY - Feb. 15 • 10:15 - 11:00 am • Celebration Center

Discover how the ancient Nicene Creed can transform your spiritual journey in Michael Carpenter's empowering book, *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*. Personal anecdotes and practical insights guide you to a profound connection with God. Dive into six chapters, covering the Nicene Creed sequentially, that unpack the essence of it, enriching reader's faith and deepening their understanding of Christian beliefs.

Contact: Kerry at christedhhiumc@gmail.com

• THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN

Joy Class • Sundays, beginning Jan. 11 • 10:15 - 11:00 am • Admin. Conf. Rm/Hybrid

Explore what the Bible really says about heaven using the book, *The Promise of Heaven* by David Jeremiah. With biblical truth and powerful real-life stories, this book will stir your longing for eternity and give you strength for whatever you're facing today. When your heart is set on heaven, life starts to look different.

Contact: Wes Warren at wwarren23@aol.com for the Zoom link

• THE BIBLE WITH AND WITHOUT JESUS

Men's Devotional Group • Thursdays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 15 • 8:00 - 9:00 am • Zoom only

Esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Passages include the creation of the world, the role of Adam and Eve, the Suffering Servant Isaiah, the book of Jonah, and Psalm 22, whose words, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,' Jesus quotes as he dies on the cross.

Contact: Dave Peterson at dvptrsn@gmail.com for the zoom link.

• DISCIPLE FAST TRACK 3 • REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE: *The Prophets*

12 weeks for 1 hour • Dates + Times TBD by group • Less reading than Disciple 1

We are gauging interest in offering this 12-week study immersing readers in the Old Testament Major and Minor Prophets (except Daniel). The prophets are continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as a people "set apart." Designed to establish the historical context in which the prophets spoke for God. Readers will encounter "The Word of the Lord," with comments on Scripture and amplification of meaning.

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FISHING GUIDE

Sunday, January 4, 2026 • Epiphany Sunday

Prophet or Non-Prophet? series

'Afflicters & Comforters'

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:17 (CEB)

¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is that you, the one who troubles Israel?”

Matthew 5:17-18 (MSG)

“Don’t suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God’s Law or the Prophets. I’m not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama.”

Matthew 23:37 (CEB)

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you. How often I wanted to gather your people together, just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that.

May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Amen.

Navigational Markers (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

Depth Finder (questions to go deeper)

What words of comfort and affliction can the prophets speak into our world today? Where is there idolatry? Where is there injustice? What words of challenge from the Biblical prophets challenge you today? What words of hope from the Biblical prophets bring you hope today?

Prayer as We Put Out to Sea

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the mountaintop where those of old
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(from ‘Come Let Us Dream’ by John Middleton)

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