



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024

* invites you to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Music

Juli Draney

Gathering Song & Candle Lighting

“Here I Am to Worship”

Six Ways to Sunday

Welcome

Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit

“Rise, Shine, You People”

*Call to Worship

Bert Allen, liturgist

One: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Many: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

One: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

Many: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

One: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

Many: God’s Light of love is shining upon us.

*Opening Hymn

“The First Noel”

UMH #245

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon “Let Your Light Shine”
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

*Song “This Little Light of Mine”
Six Ways to Sunday

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offertory

*Doxology/Offering Prayer UMH #94

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving – Musical Setting A UMH #17

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Song During Communion “One Bread, One Body”
Six Ways to Sunday UMH #620

Prayer After Communion

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Closing Song “Star-Child”
FWS #2095

*Benediction

Postlude Juli Draney

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7

COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, January 19; 5:30 pm

The next Community Dinner is Friday, January 19 at 5:30 pm. As always, we need plenty of helpers to set up, serve, and clean up. Let Emily Nelson know if you can help. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this meal that we put on for the Bench community.

MINISTRY CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Sage District Superintendent will hold a Ministry Conference with Whitney UMC on Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 am. This is the same day as our next Soup Luncheon so those attending the Conference will need to get their bowl of soup and go to the tables set up for this meeting. The meeting is open to all interested folks. Church Council members are expected to attend. The time together will last 90 minutes and feature a short video and a conversation about

- M - Ministry that Matters
- I - Itinerancy and Location
- L - Lay Ministry Enhancement
- E - Eliminating Racism

You can find out more about the M.I.L.E. at greaternw.org/mile/

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A huge thank you to all of you who opened your pocketbook a little wider last month to support our special giving opportunities during Advent and Christmas. The numbers are in and here are the results:

Apportionments: \$1,850
Youth Camp Scholarships: \$230.83
Parsonage Flood Repairs: \$455
Pastor's Good Samaritan Fund: \$685
Interfaith Sanctuary: \$603

Whitney UMC is a *SCHOOL OF LOVE* where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

ALL Are Welcome Here!

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

Upcoming Events

- January 8 – Reconciling Ministry Team; 6 pm
- January 11 – Finance Team; 1:30 pm
- January 16 – Celia Cowan Circle does not meet in January
- January 19 – Community Dinner
- January 20 – Last day for Joseph’s Closet
- January 28 – Soup Luncheon; 11 am
- January 28 – Ministry Conference; 11:30 am

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at www.whitneyumc.org.

Assisting in Worship Today:

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| Liturgist: Bert Allen | Pianist: Juli Draney |
| Sound: Bert Allen | Band Director: Kevin Daniel |
| Online Feed: Rich Keefe | Visuals: Bobbie Bynum |
| Head Usher: Bill Slupe | Nursery: Lorrie Baer |
| Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma | |



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