

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026

If you are new to the Friendship family and would like to share further in the life of the church, please complete the "Welcome" card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."

Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

Call to Worship

from Psalm 72

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

P: *Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.*

L: Amen and Amen.

All: *O come, let us worship the Lord.*

Opening Prayer

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #249

"There's a Song in the Air"
*There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!*

*There's a tumult of joy
o'er the wonderful birth,*

*for the virgin's sweet boy
is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire
while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!*

*In the light of that star
lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar
has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame,
and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations
that Jesus is King!*

*We rejoice in the light,
and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely
evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle
our Savior and King!*

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #883

All: *"We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen."*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Linda Pease

As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.

***The Doxology**

UMH # 95

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

Children's Time

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect

*their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
"Lord, hear our prayer."*

Hymn of Celebration

UMH #254

"We Three Kings of Orient are"

*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 light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]*

*Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]*

*Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]*

Hymn of Preparation

UMH #158 (v.1)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Message

“Gifts Worth Keeping”

Hymn of Discipleship

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Benediction

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Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, January 12

12:00 - Bible Study Resumes

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore –Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Linda Pease –Pianist

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