



“In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?’”

- Matthew 2:1-2

January 4, 2026

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

Sunday of the Epiphany

8:30 and 10 a.m.

*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Standing - if comfortable

PRELUDE

“Sonata in A Flat Major” Op. 26 – Beethoven

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 72

Leader: Let your king judge the people with righteousness and the poor with justice, O God.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor and deliver the needy.

Leader: Let the kings of faraway lands bring gifts.

People: May all rulers fall down before him, and all nations give him service.

Leader: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

People: He redeems them from oppression, for they are precious in his sight.

*HYMN

“We Three Kings”

#254

**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.**

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

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

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

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of mystery and wonder, like the wise men we come seeking you. We come from different places, with different questions before us. As they traveled many miles in their search, some of us have journeyed for years in our own. We know you well, and still we don’t know you at all. We have seen you in Bethlehem and even in our neighbors. Help us to see you in all the places where you would make yourself known, so that we may bear witness to your truth and love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM

“Alleluia” – Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

#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.**

SCRIPTURE

- Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the magi

Lisa Pope
Pg. 2, New Testament

SERMON

“The Re-Gift of the Magi”

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the pastor will offer a prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the people shall say)

People: Amen.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

8: 30 & 10:00 – Kallen Pope

*HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

#251

**(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 shone a holy light.**

(Refrain)

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

(Refrain)

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in F Major” – Buxtehude

Althea Waites

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use
our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
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