



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

January 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

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.

Prelude	Adoration	F.B. Price	*Affirmation of Faith	UMH #881
Welcome and Announcements			Epistle Reading	Romans 12:1–3 Pew Bible pg. 161
*Gathering Hymn	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	UMH #139 (Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)	Special Music	“Be Thou My Vision” Bridgette Johnson, <i>Soloist</i> Trad. Irish melody (<i>SLANE</i>)
*Call to Worship			*Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:1–12 Pew Bible pg. 2
Leader:	We come today not to blend in, but to be transformed.		Message	“By Another Road” Pastor Rodney Brailsford
People:	Shape us, O God, by Your truth and Your light.		Pastoral Prayer	
Leader:	When the world pulls us toward fear, noise, and approval,		*Hymn	“Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH #399
People:	Lead us by another road.		Invitation to Generosity	
Leader:	When following Christ sets us apart,		Offertory	(<i>Instrumental</i>)
People:	Keep us faithful, even when the path feels lonely.		*Response	Doxology, UMH #95
Leader:	For the light of Christ has appeared among us.			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
People:	And we will follow that light wherever it leads. Amen.		*Offertory Prayer	
*Hymn	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	UMH #89	Invitation to the Lord’s Table	(<i>Gluten Free available</i>), UMH Pg. 13
*Wesley Covenant Prayer			Passing of the Peace	
Gracious God,				
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 for 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.				

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Holy, Holy, Holy arr. L.A. Page

*Please Stand if able



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Today, we warmly welcome Chaequan Anderson, who is joining us as a guest musician.

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