

10:30AM, JANUARY 4TH, 2026

EPIPHANY RECOGNIZED

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Bold text is read in unison.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC & CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Puer Nobis"

Stanley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

I ran, leaping for a love that is bigger than me.

I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

Let us worship our gracious God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"What Star Is This with Beams So Bright"

No. 152

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings, we admit that we often follow the well-worn path. Sometimes this is holy and humble, but there are days when a new path needs to be tread. On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star. Give us the courage to go home by another way. For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow. With hope in our hearts, we wander, we travel. Amen.

...Continuing in Silent Prayer...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY TO GOD

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Hopkins

Jim McLeskey, Jeb Cooke, Eric Johnson; Soloists

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CENTSAILITY OFFERING

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian Gatewood

We invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" Bible study in Room 100, following the

Time with Young Disciples. We ask parents to please meet their children following worship.

Our church nursery is located down the hall in Room 104 for children four and under.

Our ushers can guide you to either location if needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of starlight, we long to follow you. Like the Magi, we want to pick up the hems of our robes and run in your direction. Just as you guided the Magi, guide us. Draw our attention to your Word. Reveal what it is you want us to hear today, so that we can follow you. With hope in our hearts, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

pg. 690

The word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

pg. 2

The word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Star Light, Star Bright”

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Some Children See Him”

Burt

Nan Stratton, soloist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

pg. 35

*For those interested in having their children participate in Communion,
now is a good time to go and pick them up from the nursery.*

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, guide us with your light so that we can share both your good news and your gracious gifts. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus said: Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The liturgy continues...

... we are grateful for your Son Jesus Christ, who has modeled for us how to live our lives, each day and in this season of Epiphany. *Now we join in saying the holy, holy, holy together.*

SANCTUS (seated)

No. 595

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you, you are holy Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Elders will bring elements to those who cannot come to the front.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

Holy God who lights our way, we thank you for this moment of respite along the journey, a moment to be filled with good things, to be reminded of our belovedness and sent out to be your hands and feet in the world. When the road leads back to this very place, may we find that you were with us every step of the way. With hope we pray, Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

*HYMN "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" No. 192

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "March of the Kings" Norris

During the postlude, we invite you to move to Duntreath Hall to join us for fellowship time.

Liturgy adapted from the Book of Common Worship and Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed and Anna Strickland | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Jim McLeskey, *Liturgist*; Jack Groves, *Acolyte*; Claire Robinson, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

Welcome to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church! We are Christ's Body, broken and poured out for the world. We're glad you're with us today and invite you to be part of our ministry. Please ask an usher for a visitor card to fill out and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to get to know each other!

Childcare is available for children 4 and under in the nursery (ushers can guide you if needed). We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestream during the service can be found in *The Commons* down the main hall if the need arises. Ushers can guide you.

An updated Church Calendar of events from January - June 2026 can be found in the Narthex and the Resource Center. Pick one up today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

We invite you to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. This is optional; however, it is a helpful way for us to know how many people attend each week. Please fill out as much or as little information as you would like and pass the pad down your row.

If you have **prayer requests**, you can also include them on the prayer cards tucked inside the cover of the friendship pads. Please place those in the offering plate or the prayer box in the Narthex.

The Offering, the Plates will be located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plate. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Today we will collect the CentsAbility Offering during the Time with Young Disciples. Please support TPC's ministry to the hungry and food-insecure by contributing to this monthly offering.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, we invite you to receive a Star Word—a single guiding word meant to accompany you throughout the coming year. Star Words offer a simple spiritual practice: a way to watch, listen, and reflect on how God might be speaking through one word over time. Beginning today, **Sunday, January 4**, you may pick up your Star Word card in the **Resource Center**. We hope this practice brings light, encouragement, and a renewed awareness of God's presence in the year ahead.

There are Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications as well as Fellowship Hour Hosts available online for 2026. You can find the links on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

In the new year, we are hosting a three-week series to help inform people of all ages as they prepare and plan for the later season of life, whether for themselves or a loved one. Please join us for one, two, or all three sessions. The sessions stand on their own but also build off of one another. *Lunch is provided, and childcare (0-5 years old) is available.* Scan the QR code for more information and registration. Please register by Friday, January 16th*



Planning Team: Anne Anderson, Keli Cooper, Marcus Cooper, Jillian Gatewood, Diane Prevary, Leslie Shimer, Ginger Spence, and Heather Stevenson

More details about each session: (time for each is 11:45am - 1:15pm)

Sunday, January 25th: "Legal and Financial Implications" facilitated by the Endowment Committee.

Guest Speaker: Amanda Foster, Attorney and Partner at Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, P.C.

Sunday, February 1st: "Finding the Next, Right Place to Live" facilitated by Anne Anderson.

Guest Speakers: Katie Hamaan- Next Chapter Solutions; Lisa Hollier, Choice Connections; Cathy Saunders-Senior Real Estate Agent

Sunday, February 8th: "Planning for Funerals and Memorial Services" with Pastor Keli

Mission Trip 2026 ~ Start your New Year off with a 'BANG' and join us for the kickoff meeting for the TPC Mission Trip to Spruce Pine, NC the week of June 21-26, 2026. We will meet in Room 106 at 11:45 am following the Service on Sunday, January 11th. No commitments necessary, just come hear about our plans, ask questions and see if this is an event you might feel led to participate in. All ages 16+ are welcome, we'll have a job for everyone. Thank you in advance for your support.

As we look ahead to the new year, we invite you to consider joining our ministry with children. Whether helping with **Sunday School at 9:15 AM** or **Little Lights during worship**, your presence truly makes a difference. Volunteering just once a month — or even occasionally — helps nurture the faith of our youngest disciples and reminds them how deeply they are loved by this community. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please email Jillian at jgatewood@tuckahoepres.org. Come and see the impact you can have in the life of a child.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm

(This week: the office will be closed through Jan. 1, and staff will be working from home on Jan. 2)

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