

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**

**Communion Music** In the Garden - Dana Everson

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship** Rockford Johnson

**\*Hymn # 117** O God, Our Help in Ages Past v 1-5

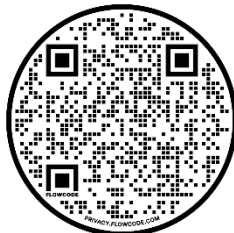
**\*Sending Forth** Rockford Johnson

**\* Benediction #117** O God, Our Help in Ages Past, vs. 6  
**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

**Postlude** How Lovely Shines the Morning Star - Paul Manz Stephen Wurst, organist

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist  
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs

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**McFarlin UMC Sanctuary Worship: January 4, 2026**

**Call to Worship** A Mighty Fortress is Our God - Dallas Blair  
John Strange, horn; Stephen Wurst, organist

**Welcome** Rockford Johnson

**\*Hymn # 254** We Three Kings

**\*Opening Litany (inspired by Genesis 1:1-3)** Scott Meier  
Leader: God's Spirit swept over the waters of creation;  
**All: God is sweeping over us now, creating something new.**

We call ourselves away from the distractions of the world  
**to experience what God is doing now,  
in us, and through us, and in our world.**

We open ourselves to a new awakening, a new beginning,  
**where we look through the lens of the goodness of God's creation,  
experiencing all of God's possibilities.**

We turn away from the negative lens,  
**and journey to the light as we follow in the way of Jesus.**  
~ written by Rev. Mindi

**\*Response #254** We Three Kings (refrain)  
**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Congregational Prayer** Rockford Johnson

**Children's Time** Chris Oehrlein  
**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

*Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.  
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor children's area following the service.*

**\*Hymn # 399**

Take My Life and Let it Be

**\*Invitation to Our Offering**

Scott Meier



**Anthem**

Walk in the Light - arr. Andre Thomas      McFarlin Singer's Quartet  
Lily Campbell, Julia Pelletier, Casey Shapiro, Lane Elliott

*Walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.*

**\*Doxology # 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Sermon**

What Is, What's Coming, & What's After That—Resolutions and Epiphanies?  
Revelation 1:1 & 1:19  
Rockford Johnson

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Unison Prayer of Confession — by Christine Longhurst

**God, you loved this world so much  
that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ  
to live and die among us,  
in order that we might have life.  
Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves,  
for jealously hoarding your generous gifts,  
for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.  
Teach us what it means to live as children of the light,  
generously sharing your abundance  
with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.**

Words of Assurance -

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

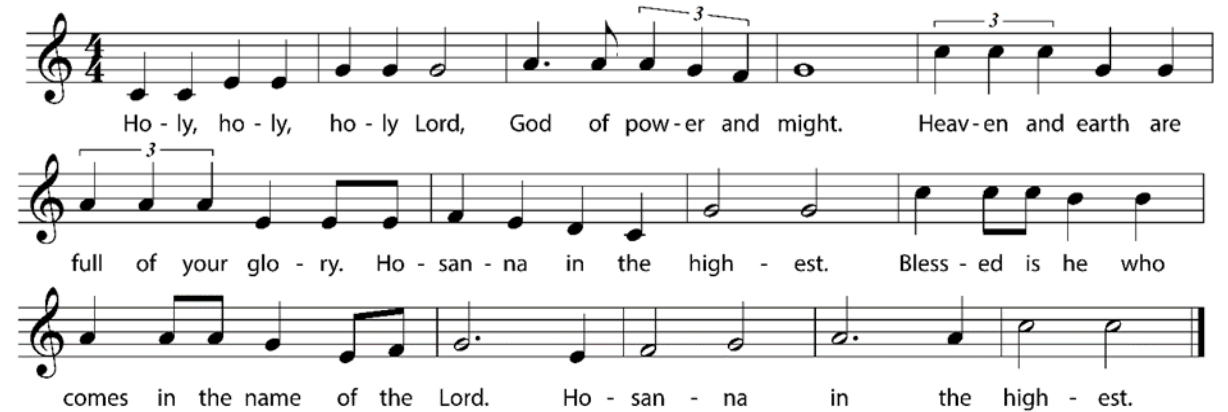
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...And so, together we proclaim the mystery of faith:



...All honor and glory is yours, almighty, loving God, now and forever:

