



Sunday, January 4, 2026

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on **Sunday, January 4th at 10:30 a.m.** or [click here](#) to see our live-streamed service.

Message from Riverbend United Church

January 2, 2026

Dear friends:

Epiphany is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. I love the symbolism—the star that leads the Magi to the manger, the manifestation of the babe’s identity to them, and how the Magi shift their path to go “home by another way” when warned in a dream of Herod’s intentions.

Epiphany is a threshold story in our scriptures: a story that has significant change as the characters move through it. When the Magi (scholars) leave home, they are uncertain where the star will lead. Yet they follow it. And their journey changes them. So they cannot go back the same way they came.

I hope to see you as we begin a sermon series called “Sacred Thresholds” on January 4, when we’ll honour Epiphany.

And for those of you who are inclined toward quieter spiritual practices, or who aren’t so inclined but want to learn something new, Graham Gaine will lead a class each Sunday of January at 9:30 a.m. on Contemplative Christian Practices. It also begins January 4th. See details in the Announcements below.

I hope you’re enjoying these 12 days of Christmas,

Valerie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for this week’s [Order of Service](#)
- You can find this week’s Announcements [here](#)