

January 4, 2026
Epiphany Sunday



*No matter who you are, or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church
United Church of Christ

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Van Deusen

Leader: Arise and shine, for the light of Christ has come.

People: We will follow the light.

Leader: When the world feels uncertain and the way ahead is unclear,

People: We will follow the light.

Leader: Like the Magi, we come seeking hope and truth, drawn beyond fear and familiar paths.

People: We will follow the light.

Leader: We bring our questions, our weariness, and our longing, trusting God meets us on the journey.

People: We will follow the light.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who shines in the darkness.

People: Come, let us follow the light.

OPENING SONG

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12, read by Chris Van Deusen

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON AND STAR WORDS

"A Light in the Darkness"

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

MUSICAL REFLECTION

COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Sacrament

The sacrament will be offered via intinction. Come forward, choose bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten-free, self-serve packets are available.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Chris Van Deusen

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Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING SONG

BLESSING

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRELUDE

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Mark Hayes

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***OPENING HYMN**

“As with Gladness Those of Old”

NCH #159

CHILDREN’S TIME

Signe Webb

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ANTHEM

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

arr. Russell Robinson
Men’s Ensemble

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

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Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Bethlehem Morning”

Morris Chapman
Todd Donovan, Soloist

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Offertory “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (with “Silent Night”) arr. Rose Marie Lehmann
*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

NCH #154

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

arr. John Ritter

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

About Our Church

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, United Church of Christ was founded in 1911. We are proud to be one of the 4,500 congregations in the United Church of Christ denomination.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation which means that we welcome all persons into full membership and participation in the body of Christ, providing a safe welcome for a diverse people, including the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and non-binary persons (LBGTQ) in the church's life and ministry.

Our Mission Statement: As a diverse community of faith, we encourage people to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; live with Christian values; and share God's love by showing compassion and generosity for all communities. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

For Newcomers

We are so glad you are here, thank you for joining us! If you'd like to learn more about the church, you're welcome to get together with Pastor Angela by emailing her at seniorpastor@pagchurch.org. If you'd like to be added to our church mailing list, please contact our Church Administrator, Stacey Jackson at admin@pagchurch.org. We have opportunities to become a member of the church throughout the year. Please see our announcements or e-blast for more information.

Children and Youth

After the Children's Time, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to go to Faith Formation. We also have youth groups for middle and high schoolers. They meet on Sunday evenings at 6 PM from September through May (except for the first Sunday of the month, which meets at 11 AM). All children and youth are welcome to be part of our ministries here at PAGBCC! Our Associates for Children and Youth are Signe and Todd Webb. Please contact them with any questions at signewebb@yahoo.com.

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