

# THEMES FOR WORSHIP IN JANUARY

We resume two services on January 8 and will celebrate Communion that Sunday. The Season after the Epiphany begins and ends in mystical encounters and words of affirmation: "You are my beloved." These words echo from the heavens at Jesus' Baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration. As you look at the texts below you will see that we spend quite a bit of time this month with the Prophet Isaiah. The call of Isaiah as well as Jesus' call to the disciples have us reflect on our own call, decision points, and clarifying light. We end the month with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. [Click here](#) for a review of the season of Epiphany.

## **January 1: Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12**

*10:00 Service Only Epiphany Sunday*

We begin the new year on a journey. Joining the wise ones as they follow the star that for them will stop over the home of the Holy Family and will cause all of us to wonder about how the world has changed with the coming of "God-Incarnate".

## **January 8: Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17**

*Baptism of Jesus Communion Sunday Chancel Choir Church School*

This Sunday we begin with the memory of Christ's baptism where it seems everything has become clear, we find ourselves wondering about what is revealed. Remember, we are celebrating Communion on this 2nd Sunday of the month due to the New Year's holiday.

## **January 15: Isaiah 49:1-7 John 1:29-42**

*2nd Sunday after Epiphany Handbell Choir*

As God inspires new possibility and redemption in prophets and communities, we hear God calling to us individually with our curiosities and as a community eager to imagine change.

## **January 22: Isaiah 9:1-4 Matthew 4:12-23**

*3rd Sunday after Epiphany Family Service Children's Choir*

Following the Call As the disciples are called to be fishers of people, we are invited to wonder what is calling us and leading us to find a place to dwell and grow in unity with others in our community.

## **January 29: Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12**

*4th Sunday after Epiphany Winter Congregational Meeting*

This Sunday we begin a three-week series on the Sermon on the Mount. Through Jesus' important teachings we begin to glimpse a re-imagined realm

