

Weekly Highlight

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START SMART

LESSONS FROM KING SOLOMON



"The Gift and the Reward"



CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church

9:30 AM Traditional Worship
January 4, 2026

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices.)

Welcome Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

Announcements Rev. Phil Mohr

Prelude *The Magi* Kosche
Laura Hesse, organ

*Call to Worship Rev. Phil Mohr

Arise, shine, for the light of Christ has come.

Light our way, O Lord, as we begin this new year.

God calls us into lives shaped by holy purpose.

Teach us Your ways, O God, and help us to follow You.

Come and worship God who guides our journey and whose wisdom never fails.

Shape our lives, O Spirit, and lead us in the way of Christ.

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings* Hymnal No. 254

*Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest Rev. Phil Mohr

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr

Celebration of Our Giving Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Offertory *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Wagner
Laura Hesse, organ

*Presentation of Offering/Doxology Hymnal No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Phil Mohr

Old Testament Lesson 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 Marcie Schoonmaker

Anthem *The Work of Christmas* Thurman/Forrest
Margaret Tobat, solo

Today's anthem is a musical setting of the poem by Howard Thurman.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Marcie Schoonmaker

Response

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Start Smart: The Gift and the Reward" Rev. Geitra Mickelson

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation Hymnal Pg. 12

Confession and Pardon Hymnal Pg. 12

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal Pg. 17

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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation *O Bethlehem* arr. Cherwien

Communion Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas* Hymnal No. 242

Sing We Now of Christmas Hymnal No. 237

Prayer after Receiving Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *The First Noel* Hymnal No. 245
Stzs. 1, 2, 5

*Benediction Rev. Geitra Mickelson

*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* JC Bach
Laura Hesse, organ

Please join us in the fellowship hall across from the sanctuary for refreshments and conversation.

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Children Dismissed to Kids Quest Rev. Phil Mohr

Congregational Prayer and the The Lord's Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr

Leader: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our 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.

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Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

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

The Great Thanksgiving
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 pastor continues, and concludes...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues, and concludes...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Invitation to Giving

*As you come forward for communion, you are invited to bring your
tithes and offerings and place them in the offering baskets.*

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arr. Livingston, Jr.

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