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Give You As A Light

Glory Revealed Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

C: A light to all the nations!

P: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

C: A light to all the nations!

P: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

C: A light to all the nations!

P: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

C: A light to all the nations!

P: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

C: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed

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**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,



and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 40:1-11 (NRSVue)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: **¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

C: ²He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

C: ⁴ **Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

L: ⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

C: ⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

L: ⁷ Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

C: ⁸ **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**

L: ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

C: ¹⁰ **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

All: ¹¹ **Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Hymn – To God Be the Glory

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Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 49:1-7 (NRSVue)

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my

mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." ⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Sermon – Give You As A Light

Closing Hymn: How Great Thou Art

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Benediction & Commission

As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world—to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair. And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

Lectionary Readings beginning Jan. 19th 2026

Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:13-20

Announcements

- A gift has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Adeline Seats Harbin's January 12th birthday by her daughter, Norma Jean Harbin.
- An important part of our Worship Service each Sunday morning is the music, especially the beautiful hymns we sing. Since all of us have favorite ones, we want to make sure we include yours during our Worship Service in 2026. Each Sunday morning we will use one of these in the service and indicate whose favorite hymn it is. Please write your name and favorite hymn on the card you have been given and give it to Norma Jean Harbin.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner	Barbara Perryman
Frank Dalton	Frances Sisk
Sherry Doub	Peggy Willard
Wanda Needham	

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Kevin McDaniel
Tammy Seats Boyd	Mark Megela
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Ronnie Mudd
Jane Bullin	Jay D. Prevette
Leisha Carpenter	Vivian Royal
Mack Edwards	Hal Seats
Mary File	Phillip Seats
Garry Harbin	Mary Ellen Smith
Kathy Harbin	Kim Triplette
Lynda Harper	Mark Wall
Ronald Howell	Ann Wallace
David Joyner	Robert and Susan Warren
Charles Kurfees	Jeremy Wilson
Kevin McBride	Savannah Wooten

January Birthdays

Tommy Kellam	1	Wanda Needham	5
Payton McBride	1	Renee Hunter	11
Linda Bumgardner	3	Bonnie Sisk Joyner	24
Carolyn McBride	5	Clint Gould	28

Wesley Covenant Prayer (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?