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Carrying The Light

Glory Revealed Worship Series

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

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

P: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

C: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

P: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

C: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

P: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

C: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

P: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

C: We come to worship as bearers of the Light.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** 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

p. 70 UMH

*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 – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

p. 540 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*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 27:1, 4-9 (NRSVue)

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

L: ¹**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

C: ⁴**One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the**

Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

L: ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

C: ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

L: ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C: ⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

All: ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Hymn – This Little Light of Mine

p. 585 UMH

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSVue)

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Sermon – Carrying The Light

Benediction & Commission

God is our light, our hope, our all in all:
Blessed be God, now and forever!
Christ is our home, our life, our joy:
Blessed be God, now and forever!
Our worship concludes; our service continues.
Blessed be God, now and forever! Amen!

Lectionary Readings beginning Jan. 26th, 2026

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

Announcements

- 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
Frank Dalton
Sherry Doub
Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Mack Edwards
Mary File
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfess
Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel
Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplett
Mark Wall
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

January Birthdays

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| Tommy Kellam | 1 |
| Payton McBride | 1 |
| Linda Bumgardner | 3 |
| Carolyn McBride | 5 |

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| Wanda Needham | 5 |
| Renee Hunter | 11 |
| Bonnie Sisk Joyner | 24 |
| Clint Gould | 28 |

February Birthdays

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| Hunter Potts | 1 | Bob Faircloth | 17 |
| Johnlee Disher | 9 | Heather Perryman | 18 |
| Josh Doub | 10 | Tom Beroth | 21 |
| Lilly Cousins | 12 | Jessica Hunter Harmon | 22 |

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?