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# Bulletin – January 4, 2026

## *Seeing the Light*

### Glory Revealed Worship Series

### Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

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

P: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

**C: God, help us find your glory.**

P: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

**C: God, help us notice your glory.**

P: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

**C: God, help us encounter your glory.**

P: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

**C: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. 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** 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** – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise p. 103 UMH

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral 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 147:12-20 (NRSVue)

**L:** <sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**C:** <sup>13</sup> **For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

L: <sup>14</sup> He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

C: <sup>15</sup> He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

L: <sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

C: <sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like crumbs-- who can stand before his cold?

L: <sup>18</sup> He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

C: <sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

L: <sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

**C: Praise the LORD!**

**Hymn – Blessed Assurance**

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**Gospel Reading – John 1:1-18 (NRSVue)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of

blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") **16** From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## **Sermon – Seeing the Light**

## **Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II**

**\*\* Please refer to your handout or the screen \*\***

### **Closing Hymn — Morning Has Broken**

**UMH 145**

### **BenEDICTION & COMMISSION**

**\*\* Let us pray in unison the Wesley Covenant Prayer \*\***

### **Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!

# Lectionary Readings beginning Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

Isaiah 42:1-9 | Psalm 29 | Acts 10:34-43 | Matthew 3:13-17

## Announcements

- We will be taking down our Christmas decorations on Monday, January 5th starting at 9 AM. Please come and help if you possibly can.

## Prayer List

### Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham

### Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Joe Dean

Mack Edwards

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Charles Kurfees

Kevin McBride

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Peggy Willard

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

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



## 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?