

FEBRUARY 2025 WORSHIP GUIDE

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of February 2025.

As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshiping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family.

Worship Feb 2

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Call To Worship

The Spirit of God is upon us. We are called to be God's people. The Spirit of God is upon us. We are called to be the body of Christ. Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service. We worship the God who sets us free and empowers every gift through the one Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

We have not cared for all people in the same way. We often think some are more gifted, or superior, or deserve more. We are more willing to rejoice with someone than to suffer with another. We are not sure the prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope. We are more ready to tear down than build up another. Redeemer of all people, forgive us. Anoint us with your Spirit's power so our eyes might be opened, and our ears freed to listen to what Jesus teaches us about your love and grace for our lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who created us, as we gathered to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ, as we give you thanks this day, and always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship Feb 9

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Isa 6:1-8, 9-13; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Call To Worship

Love, without it we are like noisy cymbals, Love! We can speak like prophets, but we still have to Love! We can build great buildings, but we need to Love! We can preach and pray, thank God everyday, but we must Love! Let us worship God who is love, who made us in God's own image, Love!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, how often does selfishness wash through our good intentions? How often do we speak bold, sophisticated words to impress others? How often do we forget that we are what we are because of you? Remind us that our abilities are your gifts to us. Remind us that that you loaned us some possessions in hopes that we would help others with them. If we are guilty of living only to impress others – forgive us. If we gain status only by putting someone else down – forgive us. If we do things only for applause – forgive us. If all we do sounds like clanging cymbals and noisy gongs to you – call us to repent. Humble us enough to serve. Humble us enough to pray. Humble us enough to love you and people who may never say thank you to us.

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience agape love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen.

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O How I Love Jesus Hymn - Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **26 bold** words or phrases from the Hymn,
O How I Love Jesus

There is ***a name*** I ***love to hear***,
I ***love to sing*** its ***worth***;
it ***sounds*** like ***music*** in ***my ear***,
the ***sweetest name*** on ***earth***.

It ***tells me*** of a ***Savior's love***,
who ***died*** to ***set me free***;
it tells me of ***his precious blood***,
the ***sinner's*** perfect ***plea***.

It tells ***of one*** whose ***loving heart***
can feel my ***deepest woe***;
who in each ***sorrow bears a part***
that none can ***bear below***.

O how I love Jesus,
O how ***I love Jesus,***
O how I love ***Jesus,***
because he first ***loved me!***

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Worship Feb 16

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Call To Worship

We stand in the very presence of God, Sovereign of the Universe, Lord of Hosts! The whole earth is full of God's glory! God's voice peals like thunder over the waters, the deserts, the forests! All of creation is full of God's glory! Do you hear the angels' loud praise and feel the shaking of the very foundations of this place? God's presence surrounds us and fills this very place! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts the whole earth is full of his glory! Let us lift our songs of praise, as we join with the chorus of all creation around the throne of grace and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, like Isaiah the prophet, we stand in awe of Your glory. We too feel tremendously small and corrupted by our own sin, and the sin of our society. Even so, You touch us with Your burning presence, and we are made clean and whole. Forgive us when our worship is self-focused. Forgive us when we think our worship stops here. Forgive us when we put the things of this world before the one thing that truly matters in life, the worship of your holy name. Mold and shape us as we worship you, so that our lives may become the vessels of your love to the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Lord, we praise you and give you thanks for calling us by name and sending us forth transformed and empowered by your Spirit to worship you in this place, and in the world, by serving others. Trusting you, we offer our gifts and our lives for your work and blessing. Let us never be afraid to say, "Here I am, Lord, send me!" Amen.

Worship Feb 23

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Gen 45:3-11, 15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Call To Worship

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others? Our enemies and friends, family and strangers. Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy? To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return. Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive? By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion. Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion. We come to worship God who is merciful.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have failed to be obedient to your Word, we have not done your will, and we have broken your law. We confess that we are more ready to receive forgiveness than to give it. We are more ready to love those who love us, than those who hate us. We are more ready to do good towards those who do good towards us, than those who do evil things towards us. Forgive us and teach us how to love, forgive, and be merciful as you are towards us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we thank you for your undeserved forgiveness and your steadfast love. We offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who loved and forgave, even as he was tortured and nailed to a cross. Amen.