

JANUARY 2026 WORSHIP GUIDE

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of January 2026.

If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshipping 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.

Dear Church Family,

As we step into a new year, January invites us to pause, not simply to make resolutions, but to renew our trust in God's faithful presence. The season of Epiphany reminds us that Christ's light continues to shine, guiding ordinary people into lives shaped by grace, courage, and love.

A new year does not mean we start from scratch; it means we walk forward with the God who has already been walking with us. Whatever this year holds, joys or uncertainties, we do not face it alone. God is already at work among us, calling us to listen for His voice and to reflect His light in our homes, our community, and our world.

May this be a year marked not by haste, but by faithfulness; not by fear, but by hope. I am grateful to serve alongside you, and I look forward to all that God will do in and through us in the months ahead.

Grace and peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Jonathan Greer

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GOOD AT ANY TIDAL WAVE LOCATION.**

**SEE LAURA TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

**The acts of the Apostles – bible study
starts Monday January 19 @ 7pm**

This is an off-campus bible study at the home of John and Elaine Pfiel.
Sign up sheet is at the welcome center, and for more info,
see John or Elaine, or contact the church office.

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January 4

Scriptures to read and meditate on: Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Call To Worship

Arise, shine, for your Light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Like the Magi, we come seeking the Christ—drawn by a star, led by hope. We come to worship the One who reveals God’s glory to all nations. Come, let us lift our eyes and open our hearts. We worship the Light of the world—Jesus Christ our Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Radiant God, your light has come into the world, yet we confess that we have often followed lesser lights. Like Herod, we have been threatened by anything that challenges our comfort or control. Like Jerusalem, we have been troubled rather than joyful at the news of Christ’s appearing. Like the Magi, we have sometimes stopped short on the journey, distracted or afraid to take the next faithful step. Forgive us. By your guiding star, lead us again to Christ, that we may offer him our very best— our hearts, our obedience, and our lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of glorious light, we thank you for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. You have led us to yourself so that you may give yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, and be that Star that shines so brightly of your love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## January 11

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17

### **Call To Worship**

The heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father declares: “This is my beloved Son.” We come to worship the God who calls us beloved, who names us, claims us, and sends us forth. Come to the waters, all who thirst. Come to the light, all who long for hope. We gather to remember our baptism and to rejoice in the grace that washes over us. Let us worship the Lord—the One who meets us in the water and renews us by the Spirit. Glory be to God!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Covenant making God, at the Jordan River You revealed Your Son and opened the way of life for all people. Yet we confess that we often forget who we are. We turn from the path You set before us. We hide our light, shrink from Your calling, and resist the work of Your Spirit within us. Wash us again, O God. Rekindle in us that flame of commitment to You, through your Church. Renew Your image in us, and make our lives a witness to Your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving - Wesleyan Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you. Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

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## January 18

**Scriptures to read and meditate on:** Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### **Call To Worship**

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! We come to see Jesus, the One who calls us by name. Jesus turns to us and asks, “What are you looking for?” We seek the One who brings us life and hope. Come and see the grace of God revealed in Christ. We come to worship the Lamb of God!

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you call to us, “Come and see,” yet we often turn away. We confess that we are distracted by many things, slow to follow, and quick to doubt. John pointed to the Lamb of God, but our eyes drift to lesser hopes. You invite us to abide with you, but we settle for momentary comforts. Forgive us, Lord. Speak again your word of mercy, and draw us back to the path of discipleship.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, you have invited us to abide with you and to follow your Son. Receive these gifts, and receive our very lives. Use what we bring so others may also hear your invitation: “Come and see.” Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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January 25

Scriptures to read and meditate on: Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23

Call To Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of our lives—of whom shall we be afraid? One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives. Come, let us seek the face of the Lord. We come to worship the Lord with confidence and joy.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, you are our light and our salvation, yet we confess that we still walk in fear. When troubles surround us, we trust in our own strength instead of resting in your shelter. We turn our eyes toward lesser hopes rather than seeking your face. Forgive us for the ways we doubt your goodness, forget your faithfulness, and fail to wait patiently for you. Restore our confidence in your steadfast love, that we may live unafraid and faithful in your presence..

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful God, you are our light, our refuge, and our hope. We offer these gifts as signs of our trust in you, giving thanks for all that you have done and all that you promise yet to do. Use these offerings for the work of your kingdom, that your goodness may be seen in all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*May this New Year be filled with God's renewing grace. May Christ go before you to guide your steps, walk beside you to strengthen your faith, and dwell within you to give you peace. May the Holy Spirit grant you wisdom for each decision, hope in every challenge, and joy in all seasons. May your days be marked by love, your work by purpose, and your life by the light of God's presence.
Go into the New Year blessed, and be a blessing to others. Amen.*

Epiphany Word Search - Find the **45 bold** words or phrases relating to Epiphany. Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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