

JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Worship Jan 5

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

Call To Worship

Arise! Shine!: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year. Arise! Shine!: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Arise! Shine!: God's light pierces the darkness that covers the world. Arise! Shine!: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. Arise! Shine!: For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Prayer of Confession

God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin of pride hides the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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.

Worship Jan 12

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Call To Worship

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares: I will be with you. When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares: I will be with you. Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares: I will be with you. So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end. Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us and to claim us as beloved children. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Covenant making God, you made us your people and gave your Son as the commitment of your love. It was by his blood that we were baptized into a right relationship with you. Yet, we make trivial both his blood and the water, which brings into the life of Your Church. Forgive us for our Sin towards you, one another, and ourselves. Restore us to harmony with you, and all creation we pray. Rekindle in us that flame of commitment to You, through your one, holy, universal, and apostolic Church. May our lives reflect your love in Christ Jesus, as we are continually reminded that you have claimed us as your beloved children.

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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LECTIO DIVINA & PRAYER

Resumes January 15, 2025 @ noon

Led by Pastor Jonathan

meet in the Simon Gilbert room.



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ready to use
not spray bottles

name brand
and
store brand
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When Jesus Came to Jordan Hymn - Word Search

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

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Find the **33 bold** words or phrases from the Hymn,

When Jesus Came to Jordan

When **Jesus** came to **Jordan**

to be **baptized** by **John**,

he did not come for **pardon**

but as the **sinless one**.

He came to **share repentance**

with all **who mourn** their **sins**,

to **speak** the **vital sentence**

with which **good news** begins.

He came to share **temptation**,

our utmost **woe and loss**,

for us and our **salvation**

to **die upon the cross**.

So when the **dove descended**

on him, the **Son of Man**,

the **hidden** years had **ended**,

the **age of grace** began.

Come, **Holy Spirit**, aid us

to **keep** the **vows** we make;

this very day **invade** us,

and every **bondage break**.

Come, give our lives **direction**,

the **gift** we covet most:

to **share** the **resurrection**

that **leads** to **Pentecost**.

How blessed it
is to be able to

share one's blessings.

Cherryvale Budget

2024 Giving \$137,463

2024 Expenses \$152,783

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in the education wing
to learn more about
our budget & finances



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YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



**CLASSES @ 9:15AM
MEET IN THE LIBRARY**

— Faith Seekers YOUNG ADULT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

New study: *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi*
by Kathy Lee Gifford and Jason Sobel.

MEET AT THE MARTIN'S HOME



JANUARY WORSHIP

Worship Jan 19

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Call To Worship

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God: But there is only one Spirit. There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord: But it is the same Lord we all serve. Jesus in his earthly ministry was empowered by the Holy Spirit. And we are empowered by the same Spirit as well. Come all who are filled with the Spirit of God, use what God has given you to worship the Lord.

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. Forgive us when we use the gifts you have given to us to selfishly. Forgive us when we fail to support your Body, the Church, with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Forgive us when we think someone else will carry the load in our absence. Embolden our faith and embolden our gifts by your Spirit to serve you however you deem worthy, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that you give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share – gifts from you meant for giving. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to also see the gifts you have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, and for whose love we are eternally grateful. Amen.

Worship Jan 26

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.