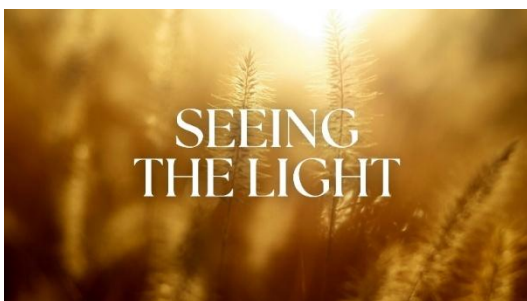


# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 4, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.”*

– John 1:3-4

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #145 – Morning Has Broken

### Call to Worship:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader: 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.

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #519 – Lift Every Voice and Sing

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and John 1:1-18

Kids Message

Message "Seeing the Light"

\*Holy Communion

- Songs of Response: Light of the World & Come to Jesus

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: Blessed Be Your Name

\*Blessing

\*(Please stand as you are able.)

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. When has rededicating your life to Christ after a time of sin or failure lead to a new growth spurt on your journey of faith?
- 2) *Pray*. Do you know someone who is struggling to see where God might be trying to lead them? How can you pray for their eyes and heart to be opened?
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 2:1-12. How might following Jesus lead you to times when you fall to your knees, honoring Christ, giving him your gifts?

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

Jan. 5 – Isaiah 42:1-4

Jan. 6 – Matthew 2:1-12  
(*Epiphany*)

Jan. 7 – Psalm 29:1-5

Jan. 8 – Acts 10:34-43

Jan. 9 – Matthew 3:13-17

Jan. 10 – Isaiah 42:5-9

**Jan. 11 – Psalm – 29:6-11**

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to [pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** “Power of Presence” – John the Baptist stands and shouts. ‘Come on in, the water’s fine.’ Yes, it is. But these waters of baptism change us and call us to more – to community, to justice, to be a part of something new. Jesus entered the water for these purposes. Isaiah reminds us of our call to be servants to the blind, to the imprisoned, to be overlooked.

### This Week at Grace

- Sun. - 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun -. 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. - 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. - 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - 7:45 AM – Women’s Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. - 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. - 5:30 PM – Men’s Bible Year Study – Fell. Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies’ Bible Study - Chapel

### Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sat. - Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM – Service Saturday

### Announcements:

The Mission of the month for January is CISS – Crisis Intervention Shelter Services – in Sturgis.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across the hall from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

Please keep food and drinks in Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

**May God bless you throughout the coming week!!**