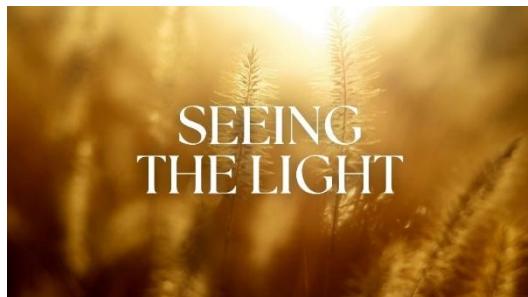


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

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

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. 17th – 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!!