

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 18, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“I will also appoint you as light to the nations so that my salvation may trach to the end of the earth.”*

*- Isaiah 49:6b*

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #156 – I Love to Tell the Story

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

**People: A light to all the nations!**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

**People: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Song: Here I am to Worship

Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42

Kids Message

Message "Give You as Light"

\*Song of Response: Blessed Be Your Name

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: Kids' Choir – This Little Light of Mine

\*Blessing

\*(Please stand as you are able.)

## GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. Take time each day this week praying the line, “You are my servant, \_\_\_\_ , in whom I show my glory.” How might you increasingly live into this promise?
- 2) *Pray*. God promises to be with us, to use us as a servant, to give us as a light to the nations. Which is hardest to believe right now? Pray for God to all you need.
- 3) *Study*. Read Isaiah 49:8-12. In what ways will God and God’s people shining the light impact the world? Where do you most long to see this happen right now?

### This Week's Scripture Readings:

- Jan. 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:10-18
- Jan. 20 – Matthew 4:12-17
- Jan. 21 – Psalm 27:1 and 4-9
- Jan. 22 – Matthew 4:18-23
- Jan. 23 – Isaiah 9:1-4
- Jan. 24 – Psalm 27:1 and 4-9
- Jan. 25 – Isaiah 9:1-4**

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

Next Sunday's Message: “Carrying the Light” – While the light has come, we can struggle when we have to carry that light out into the world. Fear is a powerful deterrent to taking our light out into the world. David knew fear and knew how to combat fear: perfect love. He found that in seeking God’s face, in finding shelter in God. Jesus’ perfect love continues to help us carry the light.

## This Week at Grace

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

## Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Jan. 23-24 – 7 PM – 3 PM – Winter Connection (Youth)

## Announcements:

The Mission of the month for January is  
CISS – Crisis Intervention Shelter Services - 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!!**