



What Gift Did God Bring?

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026  
Potsdam United Methodist Church

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Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Potsdam United Methodist Church

Large print bulletins and listening assistive devices are available, \*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit.

*At Potsdam UMC, all persons are welcome and celebrated regardless of gender, culture, nationality, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic circumstance, age, physical and mental ability, marital status or family structure.*

## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRELUDE

*Lead, Kindly Light* by Leslie Wagle

As we listen to the prelude, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Word of God has been with us from the start!

P: Praise the Lord!

L: The Word of God is with us even now!

P: Praise the Lord!

L: May the Lord's grace and peace be with us in the start of this New Year!

All: AMEN!

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Eternal God, as your Word is proclaimed through the scriptures that are read, let us hear with joy the story of your loving purposes from the first days of our creation until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child, this gift to all of the world; then, let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise!

#### GOD'S WORD – 1<sup>st</sup> LESSON

#### CAROL

*Praise for God's Universal Glory*

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Psalm 148 – UMH #861**

**UMH #240**

#### GOD'S WORD – 2<sup>nd</sup> LESSON

#### GOD'S WORD – 3<sup>rd</sup> LESSON

#### CAROL

*God's Covenant with Abraham*

*A New Covenant*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*Genesis 17:1-9, 13b*

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**UMH #234, vs 1**

#### GOD'S WORD – 4<sup>th</sup> LESSON

#### CAROL

*The Birth of Jesus*

**What Child Is This?**

*Luke 2:1-20*

**UMH #219, vss 1 & 3**

#### GOD'S WORD – 5<sup>th</sup> LESSON

#### CAROL

*The wise men follow a star*

**We Three Kings”**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**UMH #254**

GOD'S WORD – 6 <sup>th</sup> LESSON <b>CAROL</b>	<i>The Boy Jesus in the Temple That Boy-Child of Mary</i>	Luke 2:41-52 <b>UMH #241, vss 1 &amp; 2</b>
GOD'S WORD – 7 <sup>th</sup> LESSON	<i>Paul tells of the New Life in Christ</i>	Colossians 3:12-17
GOD'S WORD – 8 <sup>th</sup> LESSON <b>*CAROL</b>	<i>Jesus: Like Us to Serve Us Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Hebrews 2:10-18 & 12:1-2 <b>UMH #196</b>

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #270)

*Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts*

### OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please bring your tithes and offerings forward as we celebrate communion)

<b>*THE DOXOLOGY</b>	<b>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</b>	<b>UMH #94</b>
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i>	
	<i>Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
	<i>Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts</i>	
	<i>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son.**

**Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three-in-One.**

**Here we offer - to you gladly - all the gifts that you impart,**

**As we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

### A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE FOR THE NEW YEAR & EPIPHANY

(Insert)

### COMMUNION HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* [UMH #629]

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

<b>*HYMN</b>	<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>UMH #186</b>
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### \*THE BENEDICTION

**L:** The good news of Christmas is this: Christ has come. Christ has come!

**P:** **We welcome Christ into our hearts.**

**We let ourselves be guided by his ministry.**

**We go forth from this place seeking him in all that we do.**

### POSTLUDE

*The Lord is My Light* by John R. Sweeney  
arr. by Terri Hutchings

*Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!*

# Wise Men Still Seek Him ... Do You?



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## MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES

- **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House. **We will resume The Good Cup on 01/14/2026. See you soon!**
- **Super Church - Sunday School:** January 11th and 25th.
- **Un-Greening of the Church:** Sunday, January 11th, immediately following Worship. Stay to help us UN-decorate our church and enjoy a pizza party.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** meets at the Parsonage, the next meeting is January 8th, 2-4pm.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm, Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is January 8th.

Worship Participants	
<b>Microphone:</b> Norm Gardner	<b>Acolytes:</b> Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Jan. 4: Christa Carroll, Carrie Livernois	Jan. 4: Collen Gondo
Jan. 11: Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard	Jan. 11: Tom Ortmeyer
Jan. 18: Tom Ortmeyer, Christa Carroll	Jan. 18: Christa Carroll
Jan. 25: Carrie Livernois, Tom Ortmeyer	Jan. 25: Kathy Demo
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	<b>Fellowship Time Hosts</b>
Jan. 4: Norm Gardner	Jan. 4: Robin Howard & Judy Haer
Jan. 11: Robin Howard, Judy Haer	Jan. 11: Pizza Party (Un-Greening the Church)
Jan. 18: Nancy Matthews	Feb. 1: Carol Willmert
Jan. 25: Kathy Demo	March 1: Carrie Livernois
	April 5: Robin Howard & Judy Haer

**Pastor: Heidi Chamberlain**

**Musician: Dr. Risa Okina ♦ Choir Director: Anthony Steen**

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