



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 – 1st LESSON

CAROL

Praise for God's Universal Glory

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Psalm 148 – UMH #861

UMH #240

GOD'S WORD – 2nd LESSON

GOD'S WORD – 3rd 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 – 4th LESSON

CAROL

The Birth of Jesus

What Child Is This?

Luke 2:1-20

UMH #219, vss 1 & 3

GOD'S WORD – 5th LESSON

CAROL

The wise men follow a star

We Three Kings"

Matthew 2:1-12

UMH #254

GOD’S WORD – 6th LESSON
CAROL

The Boy Jesus in the Temple
That Boy-Child of Mary

Luke 2:41-52
UMH #241, vss 1 & 2

GOD’S WORD – 7th LESSON
GOD’S WORD – 8th LESSON
*CAROL

Paul tells of the New Life in Christ
Jesus: Like Us to Serve Us
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Colossians 3:12-17
Hebrews 2:10-18 & 12:1-2
UMH #196

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)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

*HYMN

Alleluia

UMH #186

*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. Sweney
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			
Microphone: Norm Gardner		Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish	
Counters		Readers	
Jan. 4:	Christa Carrol, 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
Greeters/Ushers		Fellowship Time Hosts	
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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Pastor’s Office Hours as scheduled with Pastor Heidi Chamberlain

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