

Potsdam United Methodist Church



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
February 1, 2026

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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

Grove of Light, by Terri Hutchings

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

INTROIT

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright [UMH #247 vss 1&2]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, who do you come to worship?

P: **We come to worship the one true God.**

L: How will you worship?

P: **Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

L: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

P: **Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.**

L: We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

P: **choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.**

L: We are blessed when we become God's fools,

P: **willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.**

L: Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever. **AMEN**

*HYMN

Lord, You Give The Great Commission

UMH #584

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: It is through foolishness that God makes us wise;

it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve;

it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole.

All: **We cannot boast in what we have done,**

but only in the grace and joy of our God,

who showers us with mercy. AMEN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 15 - UMH #747

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: For the words of challenge, for the words of blessing,
for the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst,
we give you honor and thanks and praise. **AMEN**

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christmas Joy, [written by Mark Schweizer]

From a poem by Howard Thurman. Edited by The University at Albany Music Department.

... AND THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 5:1-12

HYMN **What Does the Lord Require of You** **TFWS #2174**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 6:1-8

THE MESSAGE **What Does God Want From Me?** **Rev. Heidi Chamberlain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** **Rejoice in Gods Saints** **UMH #708**

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC ***Sweet Hour of Prayer,***
by William B. Bradbury arr. by Ross Farnworth

***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: Gracious God, we thank you for this day—

**a day blessed with light and joy,
a day blessed with hope and abundance.**

**May these offerings bring light to those who dwell still in
darkness, or who cower in the shadow of death.**

**Bless our lives to your service, in the name of your Son,
who calls us to follow him and share your light with others.**

AMEN

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

COMMUNION HYMN **[All Who Hunger ~ TFWS #2126]**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** **TFWS #2129**

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow.

Go and tell the news of God's love.

Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God.

Go forth and shine with God's light!

May God — Source, Word, and Spirit — bless you with the radiance of love.

P: **AMEN**

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Micah 6:8

“... and what does the Lord require of you but to **do justice**, and to **love kindness** and to **walk humbly** with your God?”

Worship & Prayer resources for this week: Used by permission – excerpted from *MinistryMatters.com* ©2017 & 2026

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.
- **Cheery'Os:** Next meeting TBD.
- **Worship Team Meeting:** February 1st, immediately following our Worship Service.
- **Finance Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:00am.
- **Hearts and Hands on a Mission Craft Group:** 1st Thursday of each month, 2-4pm at the Parsonage. The next meeting is February 5th.
- **Super Church - Sunday School:** Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd.
- **A Journey Through Grief:** 2nd Thursday of each month, 4-6pm in Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is February 12th.
- **Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18th, 6pm.

Worship Participants	
Microphone: Norm Gardner	Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish
Counters	Readers
Feb. 1: Robin Howard, Debby N.	Feb. 1: Nancy Mathews
Feb. 8: Christa Carroll, Carrie L.	Feb. 8: Sharon Hutchinson
Feb. 15: Debby Nikkari, Robin H.	Feb. 15: Collen Gondo
Feb. 22: Tom Ortmeyer, Christa C.	Feb. 22: Tom Ortmeyer
Greeters/Ushers	Fellowship Time Hosts
Feb. 1: Carrie Livernois	Feb. 1: Carol Willmert
Feb. 8: Norm Gardner	March 1: Carrie Livernois
Feb. 15: Robin Howard, Judy Haer	April 5: Robin Howard & Judy H.
Feb. 22: Nancy Matthews	May 3: Carol Willmert
	June 7: Sue and John Loope

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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