

PRELUDE.....Tom Fuchsen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Please sign the attendance pad and place it in the offering plate.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

**P: many are saying of me, "There is no help for him in God."**

L: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

**P: I cry aloud to the Lord who answers me from his holy hill.**

L: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains.

**P: I am not afraid of the thousand people who have set themselves against me on every side.**

L: Arise, O Lord!

**P: Deliver me, O my God!**

L: For you strike all my enemies on the cheek, you break the teeth of the wicked.

**P: Deliverance belongs to the Lord; your blessings be upon your people!**

\*UNISON PRAYER:

**God of love, from generation to generation, across nations, cultures and beliefs, we see evidence of you. Let your light continue to shine in our hearts and help us to make a reality Your desire for a world filled with justice and peace. That, just as the Three Wise Men of the East recognized the call and invitation made by Your Star, also we must be willing to listen for your voice, follow you and give you the best of our lives. May that light ever shine, and may it lead us always to You. And may we shine in the radiance of your glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."What Child is This".....UMH #219

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/NOISY OFFERING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER



OFFERTORY INVITATION

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OFFERTORY....."Come to the Altar".....Trinity Pullen

\*DOXOLOGY....."Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow".....UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN....."In the Bleak Midwinter".....UMH #221

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 1:10-18, Pew Bible Pg. #1613-1614

.....Ephesians 1:3-14, Pew Bible Pg. #1775-1776

Liturgist, Roger Ingledue

SERMON....."Hidden Wisdom".....

Rev. Michael Slininger

COMMUNION.....UMH #13

\*HYMN....."Angels We Have Heard on High".....UMH #238

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE.....Tom Fuchsen

\*Please stand as able

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Sunday, January 4</b>  <i>John 1:10-18</i>  <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i></p>	<p>9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)            10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex)            10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)</p>
<p><b>Monday, January 5</b></p>	<p>9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room)            10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room)            4:30 PM Missions Meeting (Fireside Room)            6:00 PM SPRC Meeting (Fireside Room)            7:00 PM Chapel Guided Meditation (Chapel)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, January 6</b></p>	<p>10:00 AM Chapel Guided Meditation (Chapel)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, January 7</b>  <b>Menu by: Children’s Ministry</b></p>	<p>9:30 AM Coffee at Grace (Narthex)            9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room)            10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room)            1:00 PM Men’s Bible Study (Narthex)            2:00-4:00 PM Loom Work Session (Fellowship Hall)            4:00 PM Worship Committee (Library)            5:30 PM Community Meal (Free-Will Offering)            6:00 PM Grace Kidz (Rm 226)            6:15 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)            7:15 PM Bell Choir (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>Friday, January 9</b></p>	<p>Office Closed</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 10</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM UMM (BenTena Room)</p>
<p><b>Sunday, January 11</b>  <i>Acts 10:34-43</i>  <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i></p>	<p>9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)            10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex)            10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)</p>

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**Rev. Michael Slininger**  
**Liturgist: Roger Ingledue**  
**9:30 A.M.**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**



*“Hidden Wisdom”*



**Grace Mission Statement:**

*Everyone is invited to know and feel God’s love, experience spiritual growth, encounter forgiveness, receive respect, and gain hope.*