



WESLEY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Weems, Virginia

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19 NIV

January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday, The Second Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Hymn #419 The Family of God

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Before the foundation of the world, God destined us for love. Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, God adopted us into His own family. From the farthest edges of the earth, God shepherds His family home.

Opening Prayer

Eternal Word, you loved us into being, and your love sustains us still. Shepherd us toward your abundant life; teach us to tend to the earth until it blooms. And, when time has reached its fullness, gather us into yourself so that, with you, we may nestle close to the heart of Parent God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #563 Open My Eyes That I May See

Prayer of Confession

We cry out: “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel,” for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #688 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**Prayer for Illumination**

O God, through your mighty acts we receive grace upon grace. From your fullness, feed us with your life-giving Word, that our lives, like bread, may feed a hungry world. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church**Scripture Readings:**

II Corinthians 5:17
Proverbs 3:5-6
Ephesians 4:22-24
Isaiah 40:31

Sermon: What's Your Resolution!!!**Responsive Reading #579 In God I Trust****Holy Communion****Hymn #508 Love Lifted Me****Benediction**

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face Full of grace forever;
May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever.