

Grace Devotion

Week of January 4, 2026

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1 NRSVUE)*

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east^[b] and have come to pay him homage.” (Matthew 2:1-2 NRSVUE)

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Greetings of Epiphany,

Arise and Shine—for your light has come. Epiphany reminds us that God’s light shows up in the world, often in ways that we don’t expect. A start in the night sky. Wise ones who notice it and decide to follow. A child born with promise.

The magi didn’t have all the answers. They simply trusted the light they were given and took the next step. Their journey is an invitation to each of us to do the same. We are invited to pay attention and move forward toward wonder. We are invited to believe in ways that God is still being revealed.

This week, may we notice where Christ’s light is shining around us. May we have the courage to rise, and shine, and follow that light wherever it leads.

## Prayer:

Loving God,

Thank You for the light that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome. Thank You for the ways You reveal Yourself to us—sometimes boldly and sometimes in ways we do not expect. Help us to see Your light in our lives and in the world. Give us the courage to follow where You lead and to reflect Your love to others. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy



**January 4, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**\*\*+“Glory (Let There Be Peace)” #23**

**\*\* Call to Worship**

Lector: Friends, we gather today because God is still showing up in the world.

**Congregation: We come to look for God’s light among us.**

Lector: The light of Christ shines in familiar places and in unexpected places.

**Congregation: Sometimes the light is bright enough to see clearly, and other times just bright enough for the next step.**

Lector: Like the Magi, we do not come with all of the answers.

**Congregation: We come with our hearts open, ready to be led.**

Lector: God meets us on the road, in our questioning and in our searching.

**Congregation: God invites us to follow the light.**

**\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**  
**Loving God, We come seeking Your light. Open our eyes to see You at work in our lives. Soften our hearts to be open to Your light and love. Guide us as we worship and lead us in the way of love and hope. Amen**

**\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**\*\*° Hymn: “Go Tell It On The Mountain” #138**

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts  
**\*\* Offertory Response: “Doxology” #625**  
**\*\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*UCC Statement of Faith**

° Hymn: “Joy To The World” #125

Scripture Readings:  
**Ephesians 1:3-14**  
**John 1: 10-18**

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Grace Shines in the World”

**\*\*+ “This Is Amazing Grace” #21**

**\*\* Final Blessing**  
**\*\* “A Choral Benediction”**

Postlude

**\*\* Please stand, if you are able.**  
**+ Black contemporary folder** ° Blue hymnal



### Announcements

- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.
- Thank you so much for the Christmas Fund Donations. Donations received totaled \$275.00.

### Upcoming Events

- Monthly Movie – January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM
- Women's Ministry – January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – Zoom
- Women's Ministry – January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – In Person
- PAL – Grace UCC Helpers – January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

### Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee Meeting – January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM
- Personnel Committee Meeting – January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45
- Consistory Meeting – January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Staff Meeting – January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM
- Worship & Music – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Leonard Bankert

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Jenn Weaver & Anita Kincaid



## Ephesians 1

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