

**Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church**  
**Welcome Home**  
**January 4, 2026**

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*\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT*

*No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.*

**Welcome & Opportunities for Service**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Song**

***Honor & Praise FWS #2018***

Words & Music: Twila Paris; © 1996 Ariose Music / Mountain Spring Music

**Lifting Our Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

**Please pray in the language that brings you closest to God.**

**Choir: *Wasn't That a Mighty Day?***

Traditional Spiritual; Arranged by Benjamin Harlan; © 1999 by Hal Leonard Corp

**Soloist: Gina Vielleux**

**Pianist: Jeanne Cera**

**Scripture *Ephesians 1:1-14* CEB**

**Greeting**

<sup>1</sup> From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will.

To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus.

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The believers' blessings**

<sup>3</sup> Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. <sup>4</sup> God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. <sup>5</sup> God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan <sup>6</sup> and to honor his glorious grace that he

has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. <sup>7</sup> We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, <sup>8</sup> which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. <sup>10</sup> This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. <sup>11</sup> We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. <sup>12</sup> We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. <sup>13</sup> You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. <sup>14</sup> The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

L: May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing & understanding of these words.

R: Thanks be to God.

**\*Song of Preparation**

***We Three Kings* UMH #254**

Words & Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1857

**Message: *Into A New Year***

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Opportunity to Give**

**\*Closing Song**

***There's A Song in the Air* UMH #249**

Words: Josiah G. Holland, 1874; Music: Karl P. Harrington, 1904



## THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



### Sunday January 4, 2026 COMMUNION

9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School, Small Groups

### Monday January 5, 2026

7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday January 6, 2026

2:00 pm Merry Mat Makers

### Wednesday January 7, 2026

7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Thursday January 8, 2026

### Friday January 9, 2026

### Saturday January 10, 2026

### Sunday January 11, 2026

9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Coffee Bistro  
10:15 am Sunday School, Small Groups  
365 Bible Group  
2:00 pm Tabitha Circle

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