

A Celebration of Worship

January 4, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.
P: God, help us find your glory.
L: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.
P: God, help us notice your glory.
L: We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.
P: God, help us encounter your glory.
L: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.
P: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “I Come with Joy” UMH #617

JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” UMH #173

CHILDREN’S STORY—held in the Nursery

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:9-14 (NRSV)

SERMON “Seeing the Light” Pastor Kevin Rea

COMMUNION UMH #13

*HYMN “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” UMH #182

OFFERING PRAYER: Radiant God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you’ve given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95
*BENEDICTION/*POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Liturgist: Freda DeWitt
Fellowship: Sherre Johnson

Staff

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*Please Stand

**Hearing Assist Units are available from an usher.
*** Children are always welcome to stay in worship. Activity bags are available for them to use. They are hanging on a rack outside the sanctuary.

Connection Card

Welcome to Topeka Grace UMC!
We are so glad you are here. Please take a moment to complete this card in its entirety and place it in the offering plate.

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Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email @gmail.com @yahoo.com @cox.net

- ☐ Please update my contact info.
- ☐ Add me to the church email list.

Attending with me today:

I am a: ☐ Out of town Guest

☐ First time Guest ☐ Frequent Guest

☐ Second time Guest ☐ Member

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Please:

☐ Share with Prayer Team

☐ Keep confidential (Pastor only)

This person is:

☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Member

☐ Self ☐ Co-worker ☐ Other

My name: _____

Date: _____

Contact Info.: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 5
12:00 pm AA - #3
7:30 pm NA - #3

Tuesday, January 6
8:00 am—Master Gardeners

Wednesday, January 7
5:30 pm AA - Parlor

Thursday, January 8
9:30 am—Coffee with the Pastor @ Café Quetzal
5:45 pm Women AA - #3
6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

Friday, January 9
6:30 pm NA - #3

Sunday, January 10
10:45 am Worship

Mission Statement

Grace United Methodist Church is growing into an open, welcoming, and accepting Christ-centered community, committed to sharing the transforming love of Christ, and loving all people all the time!

