

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, January 25, 2026 | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

ALL: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

ONE: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

ALL: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

ONE: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

ALL: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

ONE: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

ALL: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

***OPENING HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

OPENING PRAYER God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love, mercy, and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort, peace, and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

+CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ (Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PSALTER Psalm 27:1, 4-9
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

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SERMON Glory Revealed: Carrying the Light

***HYMN** **WE RESPOND**
"Jesus Calls Us" #398 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with unison Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

OFFERING *"Write Your Word Upon My Heart"* Choir+

***DOXOLOGY**
*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH
***CLOSING HYMN** "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" #569 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** *"This Little Light of Mine"* #585 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Flowers:

They are presented in honor of Darlene Eckert's birthday.

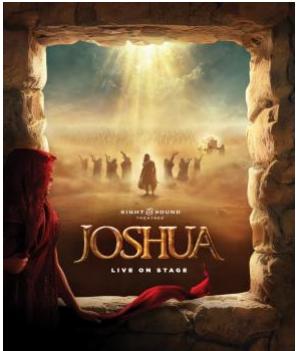
Greeters:

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Sunday	Jan. 25 th	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 – 7:30 PM Ebenezer Room
Tuesday	Jan. 27 th	Acts Bible Study	10:00 AM Library
Thursday	Jan. 29 th	Prayer Zoom	7:00 PM
Sunday	Feb. 1 st	Communion Food Bank	
Saturday	Feb. 7 th	Soup-to-Go Sale	9:00 AM
Sunday	Feb. 8 th	Souper Bowl Luncheon	Noon

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study:

Interested in exploring the Old Testament? Consider joining Pastor Andrea, MGUMC'S Lay Leader, Dan Deitzel, and others for Bible study through the well-known Disciple curriculum. Participants will explore the Bible through daily readings, watching commentaries and group discussions. The group will meet on **Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Books are \$20, available today!** There is still room—contact Pastor Andrea for information or any questions.



Joshua at Sight & Sound

MGUMC has a limited number of tickets available to see Joshua at Sight & Sound in Lancaster on **Sat. April 18th at 3:00 p.m.** tickets are \$78.00/adult (ages 13+) and \$44.00/child (ages 2-12). If you would like to reserve tickets, contact Pastor Andrea. (<https://www.sight-sound.com/>)

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

***"A church for all seasons
and ALL people"***



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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