

SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 18, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM
Rev: Jaime Torres

Liturgist: Dan Michel
Reader: Joanna Michel

Gathering Hymns “Forever” “Hear My Cry O Lord”

Call to Worship

L: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

P: A light to all the nations!

L: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

P: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

And so, we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other, first in silent prayer. *Silent confession* Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgist: Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

Children’s Message Susan Johnson

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice,

to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen. ([Isaiah 49:1-7](#))

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

Doxology:

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week

Pastor: The Lord’s Prayer

UMH # 895

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Preparation Hymn “To God Be the Glory” UMH # 98

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 49: 1-7

New Testament John 1: 29-42

Message “Give you as Light”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH # 580

Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People: Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Announcements: Senior Center Wednesday 11:00 a.m.; Coffee house Fridays 11:30 a.m.; Pastoral Evangelism Thursday’s & visitation as needed; SPRC meeting Thursday January 22nd 10:00 a.m. Grifshare Sunday January 18th 1:00 p.m. Sunday January 25th after church congregational meeting.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose you before your birth, who calls you and knows you by name, now sends you out into the world—to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair. And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among you and within you as you seek to do God’s will. Amen.

Closing song May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. ***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Dan Michel
Joanna Michel
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple 2"

Resuming Monday January 12
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

"January Series"

Beginning January 13th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

Our Mission

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,
Christ centered church,
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

Our Vision

With God's help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

January Birthdays

15th Marcia Heerema
15th Fran Lee

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As we move deeper into the season after Epiphany, we continue to explore the glory God reveals among us.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*