

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**January 25, 2026**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A**  
**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES**  
**WELCOME**

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

**Liturgist: Dan Michel**  
**Reader: Joanna Michel**

## Bell Choir

**Gathering Hymns    “I Will enter His Gates”                      “Worthy is the Lamb”**

## Call to Worship

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

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

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

**P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Whom shall we be afraid of?**

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

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

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

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

**All: Prayer of Confession**

Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not understanding that You laid down your life for us. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of God. In your precious name, we pray. 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**

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your

light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen. ([Psalm 27:1, 4-9](#))

**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   “I Want to Walk as a Child of Light   ” UMH # 206**

## Scripture Readings

## Old Testament Psalm 27: 1,4-9

## New Testament Matthew 4: 12-23

### Message “Carrying the Light”

**Rev. Jaime Torres**

**Hymn of Commitment “Morning Has Broken” UMH # 145**

**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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.; Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> after church congregational meeting.

### Blessings for the people (Pastor)

God is our light, our hope, our all in all: Blessed be God, now and forever! Christ is our home, our life, our joy: Blessed be God, now and forever! Our worship concludes; our service continues. Blessed be God, now and forever!

**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

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

**OUR APPRECIATION TO:**

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**

15<sup>th</sup> Marcia Heerema  
15<sup>th</sup> Fran Lee

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**JANUARY 25, 2026**

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**OPEN HEARTS \* OPEN MINDS \* OPEN DOORS**

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The light has come. Weve received the light and the call to bear the light to all the nations. Got it. Can do.  
Easy peasy, lemon squeezy. Right?! Well maybe not.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*