

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY
Woodridge United Methodist Church
Sunday, January 18th, 2026 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

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

Many Voices: A light to all the nations!

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

Many Voices: A light to all the nations!

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

Many Voices: A light to all the nations!

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

Many Voices: A light to all the nations!

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

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

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Glenn: Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson
Gospel Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (*CEB*)
John 1:29-42 (*CEB*)

Glenn: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130

Proclaiming

"The Spirit of Connection"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns
Prayers for the People
Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Down by the Jordan"

W&S #3045

*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth to the World