

# Order of Worship

January 25, 2026 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Welcome

## Greeting

Leader: Come! Let's praise the Lord, who is our light and our hope.  
Come to the Lord who is always near to us. We are never alone!

**People: We praise the Lord. The Lord is the stronghold of our lives  
now and forever more.**

Leader: We've gathered to sing and make melody to the Lord.

**People: We lift up our minds and hearts  
and offer our whole selves with shouts of joy!**

Leader: We know our best hope is to seek God all the days of our lives.

**People: So we come together to praise the One who is gracious to us all.  
Let us sing from our hearts!**

## Hymn

## Jesus Messiah

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us center our hearts as we confess and ask God's forgiveness.  
Loving God, help us.  
When we have run away,  
when we have turned our backs on love,  
when we have sought immediate satisfaction  
and not long-term healing, help us.  
Hold us when we have chosen fear over love.

**All: Merciful God, forgive us.  
When we have been selfish, when we have been mean,  
when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.**

Leader: Loving Spirit, heal us.  
When we are so broken we cannot move,  
when we are paralyzed in our stubbornness,  
when we are too ashamed to seek community,  
heal us and lead us home to your heart.

**All: Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope  
to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ.**

## **Words of Forgiveness**

Leader: Siblings in Christ, breathe deep and know you are loved,  
accepted and forgiven. Welcome home Siblings in Christ.  
None of us are left to wander aimlessly. You are home.  
Grace surrounds you. Together in Christ, we will all walk into tomorrow  
with Light before our every step. For this, be very assured and grateful.  
Welcome home!

**All: Amen.**

## **Scripture**

## **Psalm 27**

## **Sermon**

## **Where Is Your North Star?**

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

## **Morning Prayer**

## **Offering**

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC. You  
may go to the Online Worship page of our website and click "Make your online offering."*

## **Benediction**

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