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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Lord, Have Mercy; You Are My King; East to West*

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship – Priscilla Russell
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #202

We Praise Thee, O God #2
Here In This Place
Prayer – Emily Koech

WORD

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Psalm 51 – Jim Holton
Introduction of Paul Watson
Sermon – Paul Watson
“Forgiven, and Forgiving” (Matthew 18:21-35)
God of Grace and God of Glory #846

TABLE

Behold the Lamb
Communion Meditation – Carl Holladay
Yet Not I, But Christ in Me

SENDING

Family Prayer – Luke Smith
I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord #442
Benediction – Paul Watson

Song Selector/Leader – Priscilla Russell

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Congregational Meeting

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

January 4 Paul Watson Preaching, Congregational Meeting

January 11 Life Groups, Chili Cookoff Lunch

January 24 Senior Saints Gathering

January 27 Families Moving Forward

February 8 Super Bowl Party

February 18 Ash Wednesday

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Congregational Meeting – January 4 Our elders will share reflections from their recent retreat—shaped by conversations and prayers with every family—as we begin living into our renewed mission of *Living and Sharing the Gospel*. Join us for this time of conversation and renewal on January 4 at 11am during class time and also via Zoom. Your presence matters as we discern the year ahead together.

Refresh Wednesdays begins this coming Wednesday, January 7, with a simple, shared meal from 5:30–6:30 PM—a low-pressure space to reconnect, eat together, and be present with one another. There are no additional classes or expectations, and you’re welcome to come just for the meal and head home if that’s what you need. Our Bible study will continue at 6:30pm for those who wish to stay, and we’ll also invite neighbors to join us at the table. If you can attend, scan the QR code below, or write on the back of your attendance card how many from your family will attend. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.



Life Groups and Chili Lunch – January 11 Next Sunday, all ages will meet with their Life Group during class time. Then we will gather for a chili lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share - from salad to toppings to pots of chili or lemonade

or tea - [please sign up here](#). We are also including food for kids to enjoy who may not want to eat chili (PB&J sandwiches as well as a veggie tray). Contact Caroline Smith or Carol Garth with questions.

FAMILY NEWS

Prayer Concerns Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Contacting an Elder Elders are committed to walk with you in prayer, support, and care. Please contact your Life Group elder if a need arises.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Saturday 1/3: Becki Sharpe

Monday 1/5: Ryan Bingham

Friday 1/9: Carmen Wood

Saturday 1/10: Anita Holton

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dementia Support Aldersgate UMC is beginning a new ministry to address the growing need in our community of dementia support (such as Alzheimer's, Frontal Temporal, and Parkinson's). The group is recruiting participants and volunteers, which will officially open February 2, 2026, at Aldersgate UMC from 10am-2pm, every Monday. For more information, pick up a brochure on the side table in the lobby.



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