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# Today



Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts

*To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89 vs1,3 &4

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Winks

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: *I Have the Joy*

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: *Mark 1:12-15*

Message: *New Beginnings: New Difficulties*

Closing Hymn:

*Lead On, O King Eternal* UMH 580

Benediction & Going Forth

*Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.*

*~ Thank you for your gift! ~*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*as of January 21, 2024*

### Fellowship Time

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour for January.

A sign-up sheet is located in the welcome area.

### Soup

Volunteers are needed for Soup for January. A

sign-up sheet is located in the welcome area.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, January 28

New Beginnings:

New Life With Christ

Mark 1:16-19

Sunday, February 4

New Beginnings:

A New Teaching?

Mark 1:21-28

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