

MORNING WORSHIP

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Color – White

Epiphany Sunday  
PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

FOCUS VERSE  
“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”  
John 1:4-5 (NIV)

Invitation and Gathering  
Welcome and Passing of Pew Pads  
We are all guests in God’s house. God welcomes us as we gather in worship.  
Please take time to fill out the pew pads and pass it to your neighbor.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

People: God, help us find your glory.

Leader: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.  
People: God, help us notice your glory.

Leader: We gather as people yearning for Love’s presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.  
People: God, help us encounter your glory.

Leader: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

People: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AS SYMBOLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      “We Three Kings”      UMH 254

\*PASSING THE PEACE

LET THE CHILDREN COME (ages 3-11)  
(Following Children’s Time, all children may go to Children’s Church)

PRAISE AND PRAYERS

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession  
Pastor: The Gospel of John tells us the basis for our judgement is this: “The light came into the world, and the people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil.” We confess our sins to God to whom we have access through faith in Jesus Christ. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God’s grace.

Moment of silence.

Prayer of Confession  
People: God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness  
Pastor: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world – not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. We declare the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.

SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord’s Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE      “The First Noel”      UMH 245

RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to the offering  
\*Doxology      UMH 94  
Offertory Prayer

MUSICAL OFFERING

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

\*SCRIPTURE READING  
Please stand as able for the reading of the Gospel.

John 1:1-18      Stephi Pilecki

THE MESSAGE      “Seeing the Light”

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH  
“Go Tell it on the Mountain”      UMH 251

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE


\*Stand as you are able.

++Please silence cell phones during worship++

This worship service is being recorded for posting to our Facebook page. If you do not want to be shown in the videos, please notify the church office.

If you would like someone to be added to the prayer during worship that Pastor Cindy may not be aware of, please write down the name on a piece of paper and give to her before the worship service or contact her or the church office during the week.

Pastor Cindy’s contact information is 864-386-2765 (cell) and email carumsey@umcsc.org.



Donations to Cornerstone can be made by using the QR Code or through Zelle by using our email address:  
crnrstone@comporium.net

Please place your checks or cash in the offering envelopes found in each row. This greatly helps our counters!

*We Pray For:*

**Our Members:**

Edith Blafield  
Maria Corley  
Dottie Beckham  
Becky Hasenjaeger  
Carol Martin  
Carol Painter  
David McManus, Sr.

**Family & Friends:**

Steven Martin  
David Grant  
Judy Prather  
Sherry Oxley  
Irvin Plowden

**Those in the Military:**

James Caminiti  
Cameron Grant  
Dominick Minutole  
Tyler Parker

**Our World:**

Christians in Syria, Nigeria & Liberia  
Victims of terror and violence  
Ukraine and surrounding countries  
Our leaders

*This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month.  
Please call the church office (328-1496) or email [crnrstone@comporium.net](mailto:crnrstone@comporium.net)*

The Wings of Faith Circle collects individually wrapped snack items and k-cups for the hospice house. There is a basket in the Wesley room for collecting.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CornerstoneUMCRockHill/>  
Instagram: [@umc.cornerstone](https://www.instagram.com/umc.cornerstone)

**Volunteers Serving Cornerstone This Month:**

**Altar Guild:** Maxine Smith; **Opening & Closing:** Johnny Starnes  
**Scripture Reader this week:** Steph Pilecki; **Next week:** Ken Jones  
**Acolytes Today:** DeeDee Anthony; **Next week:** Gavin Sliva  
**Offering counters today:** Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva  
**Offering counters next week:** Teri Brothers; Diana Deyton  
**Youth S.S. teacher this week:** Kathy Hurley  
**Youth S.S. teacher next week:** Angela Constantine

**Lectionary Study for Next Sunday:**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, Jan. 4th:** 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship  
(Epiphany Sunday) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Trustee meeting

**Monday, Jan. 5th:** 10:30 a.m. devotional study at CUMC

**Tuesday, Jan. 6th:** *Cary out of office*

**Wednesday, Jan. 7th:** 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

**Thursday, Jan. 8th:** 2:00 p.m. Nifty Knitters

**Saturday, Jan. 10th:** 9 a.m. “Lights, Camera, Action”  
Convocation (online, or you may  
come to Cornerstone to watch online)

**COMING UP NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, Jan. 11th:** 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
5:15 p.m. Finance meeting  
6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

**Monday, Jan. 12th:** 10:30 a.m. devotional study at CUMC

**Wednesday, Jan. 14th:** 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

**Saturday, Jan. 17th:** 1-4 p.m. Building use by Sara McClain

*Birthday this week: Olivia Henke (Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>)*

Rock Hill Lay Servant School will be held Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
at Cornerstone. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. For more  
information and to register online go to:  
[umcsc.org/rockhillonlineregistration/](http://umcsc.org/rockhillonlineregistration/)

**December Financial Status as of 12/31/25:**

Undesignated donations for December: \$17,599.00  
December general overhead expenses: \$17,170.03  

Apportionments paid in full for 2025
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**CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

*Welcome to All Who Worship  
With Us Today*



***Connect, Care, Commit, Serve***

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Pastor.....Rev. Cindy Rumsey  
Secretary.....Cary Bartelmo  
Choir Director.....Zin Bronola

**January 4th, 2026**

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