

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

January 4, 2026

10:30 am

Prelude

*Choir Introit*

## Call to Worship:

Arise, Shine, for our light has come.  
**And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**  
Nations shall come to this light,  
**And rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**  
Bless the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**

\* Hymn #163 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

## Invitation to Confession:

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

**God of Glory,  
You sent Jesus among us as the light of the World,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of  
your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries  
for justice; we do not strive for peace.  
In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your spirit, that,  
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Jesus Christ has become like us in every way, so that He might be merciful and faithful as our High Priest before God, expiating our sins. Friends, believe, the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

**\*Gloria Patri (#623 Hymnal)**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Invitational music for JLK (#42 Hymnal)**

*Choir Anthem: "Just Beyond the Manger"*

## Presentation of Tithes and Offering

\* Doxology #625 (Hymnal)  
\* Offertory Prayer

**Scripture:** Matthew 25: 31-46

**Sermon "George Bailey, Meet Ebenezer Scrooge"**

Mindy Carls

*\*Hymn #125 "Joy to the World"*

## Prayer Requests and Lord's Prayer

*\*Hymn #166 "We Three Kings"*

Benediction

Choir Benediction

Postlude

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**Transitional Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

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**Choir Director:** Eilene Stephens

**Organist:** Gail Tutt

**Custodian:** Dave Miller

**Deacons:** Terrie Palmer

**Session:** Max Gentry

**Mission Committee:** Carol McCall

**Building Committee:** Karl Bleyhl

**PNC:** Michelle Kahley

(**Pastor Nominating Committee**)

**Sunday School Teacher:** Terrie Palmer

**Prayer Needs:** Shala Manoochahr, Pauline Shroyer, Sam Waldron.

**Interested in Membership?** If you are visiting Coal Valley Presbyterian Church today, we are glad to have you as our guest! If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining our church family, please see Dr. McDonald after the service or call the church office. We will let you know about our new member orientation class.



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