

SERVICE NOTES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS: The Faith We Sing, Girdwood Chapel's CCLI Basic #: 11038417, CCLI Streaming License #: CSPL155734, CEB: Common English Bible. Wesley's Covenant Prayer, paraphrased in contemporary language and revised by Rev. Jeremy Smith, serving at Edmonds UMC.

This week's worship helpers—Greeter: Wendy, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Terry, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Jody
- Tech Helper: Gus
- Liturgist: Patty

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Message Series for three weeks: "Many Gifts, One Spirit"**

This January, we begin the year by listening for how the Holy Spirit forms a faithful community across difference. Grounded in Scripture and guided by grace, this series invites us to reflect on belonging, dignity, and shared responsibility—remembering that growth begins not with getting it right, but with knowing we belong.

- **Pastor Hyunghee (he/him) will be on vacation from Jan. 7th–14th. Office hours:** Pastor Hyunghee is in the office Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Appointments on Mondays or Tuesdays by email: pastorhyungheekim@gmail.com. Pastor Hyunghee observes Friday as a Sabbath day for rest and renewal.

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for the detailed announcements



Our Church Mission: Love God, Love Others, and Change the World!



Our church vision is to be a heartbeat of Girdwood connected in love and committed to Christ, with faith that makes room for grace and honors differences.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

* Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

Welcome & Announcements (back of bulletin)

*Call to worship

One: Blessed be the God who has chosen us in love.

Many: We come as we are—claimed by grace.

One: Before we learn, before we serve, before we change—

Many: We belong to God and to one another.

One: The Spirit gathers us with many gifts and many stories.

Many: One Spirit, one hope, one shared life.

One: Come, let us worship the God who blesses us first.

All: We come with gratitude, trust, and open hearts. Amen.

*Opening hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche
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Opening prayer (Wesley's Covenant Prayer paraphrased in common language; revision by Rev. Jeremy Smith)

All: I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.

In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will.

Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.

Guide me on the easy path for You.

Guide me on the rocky road for You.

Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You;

Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You;

Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

Scripture reading Ephesians 1:3-14 (CEB)

3 Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. 4 God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. 5 God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan 6 and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. 7 We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, 8 which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. 9 God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. 10 This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. 11 We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. 12 We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. 13 You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation.

You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. 14 The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

One: This is the Word of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Message "Belonging before Behavior"

Holy communion: All are welcome at this open table.

*Invitation to the Table; The Great Thanksgiving; Epiclesis;
Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Bread and the Cup*

Communion song: *Because Of Who You Are* (Vicki Yohe) ||
PARC Praise Team

Invitation to generosity: Offering baskets are available on the side/back of the sanctuary. Or Mail your check: PO Box 1068, Girdwood, AK 99587, or give online; *scan QR code*→ 

Offering prayer: Please join me in offering prayer
Faithful God, all that we have is already a gift of your grace.
We do not give to earn your love, but to reflect the love we have received. Receive these gifts—and receive us—
with our many gifts, our growing edges, and our shared hope.
Use what is offered today to nurture belonging,
to practice care across difference,
and to serve your world with humility and joy.
Many gifts. One Spirit. One shared life in you. Amen.

Joys and concerns & The Lord's prayer

Joys: "Thanks be to God" | Response: "Halleluia"

Concerns: "God in Your mercy" | Response: "Hear our prayer"

*Closing hymn

"The Gift of Love"

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*Benediction

*Sending forth song "On Eagles Wings" (CCLI Song #3127)

It is the tradition of the Girdwood Chapel UMC to form a circle, hold hands, and sing 'On Eagles Wings.'

**Our Sunday Worship Time
during Ski Season is 9:30 a.m.
through April.**