

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.

This week's worship helpers—Greeter: Jody, Tech Helper: Gus, Liturgist: Patty/Terry, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up—Greeter: Ann, Tech Helper: Kevin, Liturgist: Mary Ellen

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Noisy Change during the month of January:** Bring on the change jars to empty into the Noisy Change buckets!
- **January Leadership Committee Meeting: Jan.20 (Tue.) at 7pm via Zoom**
- **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.

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

** Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: God shows no partiality and pours out mercy on all.

Many: We come, trusting that we are already welcomed.

One: Before we fully understand, God is already at work.

Many: Opening our eyes, expanding our hearts.

One: Come, people of God—

let us listen for what the Spirit is revealing among us.

All: We come ready to see more clearly and love more faithfully. Amen.

*Opening hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454
lyrics on the screen

Opening prayer

All: God of widening mercy, you meet us where we are and invite us to see beyond what we have known.

Open our eyes to your presence in people, places, and stories we have overlooked.

Open our hearts to your Spirit, who teaches us not only what to believe, but how to live together in love.

As we worship, shape our vision, soften our assumptions, and lead us deeper into your grace. We offer ourselves to you— open, attentive, and willing to be changed. Amen.

Scripture reading Acts 10:34–43 (CEB)

34 **Peter said**, “I really am learning that God doesn’t show partiality to one group of people over another. 35 Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. 38 You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. 39 We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, 41 not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Message “From Belonging to Awareness” Pastor Hyunghee

Reflection Time: Today, in place of Holy Communion, we will share a time of reflection with music. As the music is offered, you are invited to pause, listen, and pray. If you wish, you may also come forward to light a candle—as a sign of prayer, awareness, or hope. You are welcome to participate in the ways that feel meaningful to you.

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
Generous God, you have given us more than we can measure—
grace that precedes us and mercy that widens our hearts.
As we offer these gifts, we offer ourselves as well—
our attention, our listening, our care for one another.
Use what is given today to help us notice more clearly, love more
honestly, and live more responsibly together.
May our giving reflect your justice, your compassion,
and your abiding presence among us. Amen.

Prayers and Celebrations & The Lord’s prayer

Concerns: “God in Your mercy” | **Response: “Hear our prayer”**

Joys: “Thanks be to God” | **Response: “Halleluia”**

*Closing hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH #549
lyrics on the screen (vs.1,2,4,6)

*Benediction Terry Sherwood
Go now in peace, held by God’s grace and guided by the Spirit.
May your awareness deepen, your listening widen,
and your love take shape in the world. Amen.

*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 at 9:30 a.m.
during Ski Season (Jan–Apr)**