

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. Today's liturgies are written by Rev. Lisa Talbott.

This week's worship helpers—Greeter: Wendy, Tech Helper: Betsy, Liturgist: Seth, Preacher: Rev. Lisa Talbott

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Vicky
- Tech Helper: Jim
- Liturgist: Anna Fleming

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **We welcome Rev. Lisa Talbott to Girdwood Chapel today.** Rev. Lisa will preach as part of our Many Gifts, One Spirit message series and lead a workshop following worship. All are invited to stay after the service for as long as you are able.
- **Church Goal-Setting Gathering: Feb.15 | After Worship**
- **Ash Wednesday Service: Feb.18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

Subscribe our church newsletter, "Chapel Chatter"
for the detailed announcements



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.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

* Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

Welcome & Announcements (back of bulletin)

*Call to worship

One: Holy God, you call us into fellowship not to remain as we are, but to be formed together in love.

All: Where we have clung to certainty, open us to transformation.

Where we have protected our own perspective, teach us the humility of Christ.

By your Spirit, draw us into a shared life shaped by the cross—a life filled with love and grace.

Form us again, O God, as one body in Christ.

Amen.

*Opening hymn

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"
lyrics on the screen

UMH #114

Opening prayer

All: Gracious God, you form us into one body—not because we are the same, but because your love is strong enough to hold our differences together. Gather us in and knit us together. Hold us as we listen. Form us as we worship. Transform us as we follow Jesus together. In Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 1:10–18 (CEB)

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Message "From Shared Responsibility to Transformation"

Rev. Lisa Talbott

Holy communion: All are welcome at this open table.

At this table, we remember that Christ did not gather perfect people, but a divided and uncertain community—and called them friends. Here, power is redefined, not as control or persuasion, but as love poured out.

In bread broken and cup shared, we are drawn out of isolation and into a life held together by grace. This is not a table for agreement, but for transformation—where many gifts are made one by the Spirit of the living God.

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

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](#)→ 

Offertory prayer: Please join me in offertory prayer

All: God of abundant grace, you have given us more than we can claim as our own—gifts of life, community, and shared calling. As we offer these gifts, shape us into a people who give not from obligation, but from love. Receive what we bring, and transform it—so that our shared life may bear witness to the reconciling power of Christ. We offer all that we are and all that we have, trusting that you will use it for the healing of the world. Amen.

Prayers and Celebration, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's prayer
Concerns: "God in Your mercy" | Response: "Hear our prayer"
Joys: "Thanks be to God" | Response: "Hallelujah"

*Closing hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560
lyrics on the screen

*Benediction

Rev. Lisa Talbott

Go now as people called into one body—not by sameness, but by the love of Christ. May the cross reshape how you speak, how you listen, and how you live together. And may the Spirit who unites all our many gifts transform you for the healing of the world. Go in peace. 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 Time
during Ski Season
is 9:30 a.m. through April.**