

## Worship Planner for Sunday, January 4, 2026

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Responsive Call to Worship

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

O Lord, open our eyes,

**That we may behold your presence.**

O Lord, open our ears,

**That we may hear your call.**

O Lord, open our hearts,

**That we may respond to your love in worship.**

Opening Hymn #61 'Oh come and sing unto the Lord'

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

*. . . now hear our Unison Prayer of Confession.*

Lord God; as we draw near to Your holiness in prayer, we are once again reminded of our own pride and selfish nature. We confess that we are still guilty of putting our own needs first, even justifying moments of self-righteous behaviour. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and cleanse us from our self-serving plans. Show us instead how to be genuine servants as we surrender our will to Your will. We pray this humbly in Christ's name, Who taught us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #712 'Arise, your light is come'

Prayer for Illumination

## Scriptures

### Responsive Psalm 147:12-20

Extol the Lord, Jerusalem;  
praise your God, Zion.

**He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.**

He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

**He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**

He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.

**He hurls down his hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?**

He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

**He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.**

He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws.

**Praise the Lord.**

### Philippians 2:5-8

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Made low**

**Hymn #319 'Wherever I may wander'**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Doxology #79**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn #722 'Lord, whose love'

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude