

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

**Monday, Jan 5:** Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2;

**Tuesday, Jan 6:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Wednesday, Jan 7:** Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21;

**Thursday, Jan 8:** Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9;

**Friday, Jan 9:** Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a;

**Saturday, Jan 10:** Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31;

### *Epiphany*

#### Choices to Make

There was a funeral in Charleston,  
a funeral for nine people killed by one gun.

There was a funeral in Charleston because the world is a scary place.  
A violent place, a place full of Herods with pistols and broken agendas.  
People could have stayed home. They could have locked their doors,  
closed the curtains, buried themselves the way fear invites us to do.

We would have understood.

But instead, people came to the funeral.

They unearthed their hearts.

They carried the tenderest parts of themselves out into the world  
where the sun could reach them, along with their fear.

They crowded the pews with black hats and mourning cries.

They sang “Amazing Grace” when the worst had happened.

In a world full of fear, we have choices to make—

bury ourselves and close the curtains,  
or fill the church and choose to sing.

I'm not saying it'll be easy,

but if you want to carry the tenderest part of yourself out into the world,  
I'll begin to sing.



## Mosaic Service

### *Epiphany*

January 4, 2026

*Please take the opportunity to fill out the Prayer and Gratitude Card, along with a Connection Card. You'll be invited to place them in the offering tray later in the service.*

#### Prelude

#### Opening

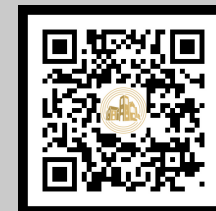
**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-14

**Gospel Reading** John 1:1-18

#### Closing Song

### PRESENCE

Your attendance matters. Scan the QR code below to let us know you're here! It's an excellent way to stay connected to Gobin.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you or someone you know is ill, injured, or otherwise in need of prayer or visitation, please fill out a prayer card, or let the pastoral staff or church office know. Jai will work to keep us connected.

Here are members of our Gobin connection who need prayer & comfort at this time:

*Margot MacCracken, Brandie Sitton, Andrea Insley, Ashlee Vitz, Sandy Miller, Katie Isaacs-Bailey, Jim & Windy Watt, Phillip Caldwell, Luke & Sherry DeJaynes, Larry Rider, Ann Hansen, Leland Zellers, Marcia Linville, Matt Fruits, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyam, Vivi, Treasure, Yun Ling, Ajaypal Singh and all ICE detainees in the Clay Co Detention Center*

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card or send an email to [prayers@gobinumc.org](mailto:prayers@gobinumc.org)

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### OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

You may have noticed the votive candles near the entrance to the sanctuary. We invite you to take one and join Wednesday morning prayer from 7:45-8am wherever you are. If you wish to have a candle, but are not able to come to the church, contact us and we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

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### STAY CONNECTED

**Want to receive our weekly email updates?**

Sign up here: [www.gobin.live/email](http://www.gobin.live/email)

**Stay in the loop**

Print communication is important. Email can sometimes be even better. And occasionally a quick text message is best! If you'd like to stay "in the loop" and receive text updates about all things Gobin, text the word "loop" to (765)650-4644.

Make sure to save this number as "Gobin Church"!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**Beginnings Service:** 9:30AM

**The Interlude:** 10:30 AM

**Mosaic Service:** 11:00 AM

### CONNECT WITH US:

Phone: **765.658.4010**

Email: [gobin@gobinumc.org](mailto:gobin@gobinumc.org)

Web: [www.gobinchurch.org](http://www.gobinchurch.org)

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### BE PART OF OUR PICTURE DIRECTORY!

We had folks who were unable to participate in our first round of directory pictures, so here's your second (and final) chance to have a FREE photo taken of you and/or your family. You will receive a free 8x10 and a copy of our completed directory. We hope you will sign up with the directions and link below!

Please let Sarah or Alisa know if you have any questions. You can also call the office and Sarah can schedule your session.

**Directory Picture Day #2: Monday, January 26th**

**2:00 - 8:00 PM**

To schedule your photography appointment online simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and click on photography session sign up. The login is **in2034** and the password is **photos**.

You can also scan the QR code below and use the above login and password.

