

# SCHUYLERVILLE UMC WORSHIP



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**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Pastor Nancy L. Russell

+ Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT: #349 UMH "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

## THE GATHERING

**PASSING OF PEACE** (Share with those next to you) MLK  
The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## +CALL TO WORSHIP (Response in bold print)

Children of God, when fears press in on every side,  
we can proclaim with confidence:

+HYMN

**God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear**

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed  
in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

Lord, of

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall  
we be afraid?**

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God  
and to live in the house of God forever.

**God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.**

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and  
salvation!

**We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be  
to God! Amen. (1)**

+HYMN #189 UMH "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**+UNISON PRAYER: God of Blazing light, through the  
power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering  
the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your  
children. Give us courage and conviction that we may  
joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of  
faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus  
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught: "Our Father.....

**LORD'S PRAYER #895 UMH**

+APOSTLES CREED #881 UMH /GLORIA PATRI #71

**CHILDREN'S VIDEO STORY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Nancy**

**JOYS / PRAYER CONCERNS** (Sharing of names)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE WORD

+HYMN #398 UMH "Jesus Calls Us"

## PRAYER FOR MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Light, awaken us to your presence. Through your Word  
and Spirit, illuminate our understanding, that we may  
behold the glory of Christ and be empowered to share  
the light with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen (2)

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 9: 1-4 **Reader**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 4: 12-23 **Pastor**

The Word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“Our First Calling...Carry the Light!” **Pastor Nancy**

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This is an open table, everyone is welcome and we invite you to come to the altar and share in this sacred meal. Tithes and offerings are placed in the collection plate at the first pew. *With sincere gratitude, O lord, we offer our gifts for the ministry you set before us. Bless these gifts and us to your service, in Jesus name. Amen.*

## **THE SENDING**

**+HYMN #593 UMH** “Here I Am, Lord!”

**+BENEDICTION**

**+BENEDICTION RENPONSE (On screen)**

“Go Now in Peace”

**+POSTLUDE**

*UMH- United Methodist Hymnal TFWS -The Faith We Sing*

*Organist: Pat Poirier Lay Leader: Stan Barber*

*Clergy: Pastor Nancy L. Russell*

**WELCOME** to worship this morning, we are grateful to God that you have joined us. We extend the hand of love and friendship to all, as we join together in following Jesus daily! God bless you! We welcome all visitors and invite you to sign our guest book, and our thankful journal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**: 11 am Communion Worship followed by FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP, you are invited to bring a dish to pass! Please join us!

**Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Pastors Sabbath

**Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**: 6:30pm Admin Council –join us

**Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**: Men's Life Group 7:00pm

**Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>**: 11am Worship followed by fellowship and snacks. PLEASE BRING A CAN OF SOUP FOR SAFER, as this is Souper Bowl Sunday!

## COMMUNITY & CHURCH

\***Our Mission team** is at Shadow of His Wings in Guatemala, *please keep them in prayer*. They return Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>!

\***Sunday, February 8, 2026**: Victory Mills FD Chicken BBQ 2 to 4pm \$20 Donation includes a ½ chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, dinner roll & chocolate chip cookie. Thank you for your donation. Super Bowl Square with each dinner! Speak with Linda to order tickets.

\***Schuylerville UMC** – “Galentines Gathering” Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – come enjoy and bring a friend.

**\*Things to know about...End of year Finance Reports and Statistical reports are due Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**\*Our Church website**: schuylervilleumc.org / Weekly worship bulletin is on our website each week! Our worship service is online via face-book live.

\***Upper Room**- JAN/FEB Issue is available and please bring a copy to a neighbor, friend or shut-in to encourage them!! Bless you.

### **Schuylerville UMC & Quaker Springs UMC**

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\* **Pastoral Care**: Contact Pastor Nancy - give her a call or make an appointment to visit or share in a time of spiritual companionship!

*Prayer enlarges the heart! Let us keep each other in prayer!*

\***Prayer Shawl Ministry**- For those in need of comfort and care. We also have baby blankets (baptisms/newborns), and pet blankets.

\***Keeping Connected**: UNYAC website! UM News sites.

\***Adirondack/Albany Districts Newsletter**;

*District Supt. Rev. Debbie Earthrowl*

*New Administrative Assistant: Joanna Feuer*

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## NEWS...NEWS

We are so grateful for Rev. Debbie Earthrowl who has been our DS for eight years, and though we will miss her and her leadership, we will embark on the days ahead with new leadership on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We welcome Rev. Anna Blinn Cole to our districts and look forward to our ministry & mission together.

*Prayers of sympathy to Rev. Debbie and her entire family in the loss of her mom Marilyn Sweet.*

## Ministry/Mission

**UMCOR**: All donations fund this relief organization as they help in recovery efforts around the world! You are invited to care for others through UNY online right to UMCOR or place you love offering in collection plate.

**\*Safer Food Donations**: Donation box in entryway! Thank you for your donations! Monetary gifts are great as each \$1 buys \$10 worth of food. Paper and hygiene products are always needed.

\* **“THE WAY” Thrift Store**: Volunteers are needed! Contact- Tena, Sue, or Nellie for details! **Hours**: Fridays 1-5pm Saturdays- 9-12

**Resources used**: (1) Call to Worship - *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries: July, 2025.* (2) Inspired by various UMC resources; Opening Prayer & Intercessory: Vanderbilt Divinity Library.



