



**JANUARY 5, 2025**  
*Guarding the Good Deposit*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Annika Callan

Welcome

Moment of Preparation

Betty Orr

**WE PRAISE & THANK GOD**

Call to Worship

Responsive Prayer for Epiphany

*#115 As With Gladness Men of Old*

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

*1 Peter 2:24*

*#558 Gloria Patri*

Offertory – *Christmas Offering*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Robert Scott

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:97-104

Ken Garrison

Message

Rev. Keith Fink

**A Final Perspective**

2 Timothy 4:6-8

**WE CELEBRATE AT GOD'S TABLE**

*Such an Awesome God*

The Apostles' Creed

Sacrament of Communion

*The elements served during communion this morning are gluten free.*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

*Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Benediction

Postlude

## Responsive Prayer for Epiphany

Leader: Gracious God, you led the Magi by a star and brought them to Jesus.

**People: Lead us to Jesus, and help us to worship you.**

Leader: Help us to offer you gifts of abundance and gratitude.

**People: Show us the lengths that you go to draw us close.**

Leader: Help us to see how your light shines in every corner of the world,

**People: leading people of every tribe, language, and nation to offer homage to the one light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Guarding the Good Deposit*  
**A Final Perspective**  
2 Timothy 4:6-8

**Question:** When our life is coming to a close, what will be our final perspective?

**I. The Departure is Near – the Present (vs. 6)**

*“For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s” – Rom. 14:8*

*“...present your bodies as a living sacrifice...which is your spiritual worship” Rom. 12:1*

**II. The Journey is Complete – the Past (vs. 7)**

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us... looking to Jesus...” Heb. 12:1-2*

**III. The Destination is Sure – the Future (vs. 8)**

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**Points to Ponder:** No matter how young we are, we all know that this life we are living will come to an end. In light of eternity, what will be our final perspective? Perhaps we might be willing to jot down thoughts that describe our present, past, and future as one whose life is found in Jesus.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series entitled *Guarding the Good Deposit* by considering **2 Timothy 4:9-15** ‘A Final Request.’

