

**Order of Worship for January 24**  
**Scripture as agent of God's redemptive power in our lives**  
**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer:**

Your word is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path.  
Your word is the glue of the universe that holds the whole creation together.  
Your word is the address of promise and the command by which we live.  
Your word has come fleshed among us full of grace and truth.  
We are creatures of your word and we give you thanks for it.

**Call To Worship:**

The word has come for us from God:  
**who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.**  
The word has come to us from Jesus:  
**who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.**  
The word flows to us from the Spirit:  
**who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.**

**God's Greeting**

**Song (and candle lighting):** **Good, Good Father**

**Time of Confession:**

We confess we have strayed away from your Word.  
**We cry out to you, O God.**  
We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from  
your vision for our lives.  
**We cry out to you, O God.**  
We confess that there is strife and contention all around us  
**We cry out to you, O God.**

Let us confess together:

**That we are powerless**  
**and have taken our focus off your Word....**  
**that we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives,**  
**yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and need.**  
**Grant understanding and wisdom**  
**that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives.**  
**Hear our prayer, O God,**  
**and call us back to you.**

**Song:** **Lord I Need You**

**Assurance of God's Love (inspired by Luke 19: 1-10):**

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us  
no matter how far away we are from the Word.  
Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree,  
God will find us and bring us home.  
It does not matter what we have done wrong,  
we still belong to God.  
We have the assurance that God will rescue us.  
This is the good news of the gospel!

**Children's Time**

**Prayer of Illumination and Reading of the Word 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

**Meditation**

**Songs: Thy Word and Ancient Words**

**Prayers of the People**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Song: Standing on the Promises**

**God's Parting Blessing and Offerings at the door**

**Song: Build Your Kingdom Here**