

**FIRM FOUNDATIONS: *Reclaiming Core Practices of Faith***  
***An Epiphany Sermon Series***

For centuries, Christian communities have engaged foundational practices of faith – ways to help people come close to God. Each generation claims, interprets and lives these practices in fresh ways.

These are challenging times. COVID ravages, racism persists, and reconciliation beckons. The season of Epiphany invites us to re-engage our own practices of faith through what we discover in the great light that has come among us. What do the stories tell us about how Jesus himself practiced his own faith? Might that help us to engage in our time and place?

**SUNDAYS IN EPIPHANY AT 10.30AM:**

- January 9      PRAYING: From Persistency to Constancy  
Isaiah 43: 1-7    *Do not fear; I am with you; I have called you by name*  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22    *Jesus is baptized by John*
- January 16     CELEBRATING: Starting on a High Note  
Isaiah 62: 1-5    *No longer called “Desolate,” but now named “Delight”*  
John 2: 1-11    *The wedding in Cana*
- January 23     READING: The Authority of our Sacred Texts  
Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10    *Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate*  
Luke 4: 14-21    *Jesus reads scripture at the synagogue*
- January 30     SHARING: The Risk of Good News  
Jeremiah 1: 4-10    *Jeremiah’s call to prophecy*  
Luke 4: 21-30    *Jesus is driven out of Nazareth*
- February 6     DELVING DEEPLY: When It’s a Mystery  
*Celebration of Communion*  
Isaiah 6: 1-8    *Isaiah’s vision of the majesty of God*  
Luke 5: 1-11    *Fishing for people*
- February 13    HEALING: Needs and Expectations Meet  
Jeremiah 17: 5-10    *Trusting in God*  
Luke 6: 17-26    *Blessings and Woes*
- February 20    SERVING: All in the Family  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12: 12-31    *One body, many members*  
Luke 6: 27-38    *Love your enemies, be merciful*
- February 27    PRAYING: Power Comes Full Circle  
*Transfiguration Sunday*  
Exodus 34: 29-35    *Moses is radiant*  
Luke 9: 28-36    *Jesus is transfigured*