

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany January 23 & 26, 2025

* *All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

P: We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

L: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

P: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

L: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

P: And may it be enacted in our lives!

*HYMN: "In Christ there is No East or West"

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*INVOCATION

ALL: Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,

I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,

lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 19

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference. Let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement. Let today's Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to imagine on our own. By Your abundant

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: At work in life is a holy generosity that begins and ends in God. This “yes” of God is the source of everlasting joy. Now, we are invited to this enduring delight. May our hearts and minds be opened anew as we bring our gifts to God with thanksgiving and praise.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: We thank you, God, for loving us into the freedom of a generous life. Bless these gifts we bring in response to the blessing you have already given us with the gift of life. Form our lives anew into living offerings, sharing Your love with a grace that frees others. Amen.

*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude

Baptismal Liturgy

January 26, 2025

Baptism of Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell

Child of Dakota Mundell & Katrina Bishop-Mundell

Invitation

Welcome

L: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

P: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

L: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Creator of us all.

Address: Why We Baptize

L: Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order. Paul, the apostle, said: "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life."

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us, but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

P: This is the water of Baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Questions for the candidate

L: Dakota and Katrina, do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

L: Will you teach this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

L: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith? Do you promise to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian Church so that he may affirm his baptism?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Congregational Assent

L: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell who is about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

L: Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism

L: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

Act of Baptism

L: By what name will your child be called?

Parents: "Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell"

L: Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

L: The Holy Spirit be upon you, Fergus Jo Bishop-Mundell, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

Act of Praise: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" Black Hymnal#351

Prayer for the Baptized

L: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

ALL: Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with faith to suit it well;
I'll be there in case you wander off
and find where demons dwell.
When you found the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God,
to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
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 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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***Jon Badtke, Jr and Jeffrey Mueller Jan 23, Laurie Cluppert,
Buck Kwiatkowski, and Linda Winkler Jan 24, Norman Koplin and Beau Mueller Jan 26***

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 112	Total: 119
Sunday:	In-Person: 54	Livestream: 128	Total: 182

General Fund: \$1,527.50 OCWM: \$73.00 Capital Improvements: \$146.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Jamie Prellwitz **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

BAPTISM SUNDAY

This Sunday, January 25th is the baptism of Fergus Joe Bishop-Mundell, son of Dakota Mundell and Katrina Bishop-Mundell, and grandson of Rev. Dr. Kevin Mundell and Kelly Mundell. Please help us welcome this child into the faith and family of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2024 PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Your 2024 pledge statements are available in the East Narthex for you to pick up. Those that have not been picked up by the end of the month will be mailed out. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

This year's date for Missions Committee's Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9th. Help us, well, at least acknowledge that big football game our Packers aren't in this year (Super Bowl LIX) by donating cans of soup that will help our Ripon community food pantries stay stocked up and our community fed during this chilly winter. We thank you for your help!

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 contribution envelopes will remain available in the East Narthex till the end of the month. After that you can pick them up in the conference room next to the office. Thank you!

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

Our OSUCC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16th at 10:15 am and we encourage all members to participate by attending this important meeting. Printed copies of the Annual Report document will be available for members to take home and review on Sunday, February 2nd in preparation for the meeting. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *January* are:

Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper type meals; fresh fruits and vegetables; canned soups; canned chili; and tortillas.



The Ripon Community Food Pantry is now accepting donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of tissues. Next month they will add shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bath soap.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Barb Schultz, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 12 Unspoken.*

PACK 3735 ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, February 2nd is Pack 3735 annual fundraiser, their Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. They will be serving from 8:00 am until Noon down in Fellowship Hall or you can take out. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs, fruit, assorted baked goods, milk, coffee, tea, and juice. Ticket pricing is 2 years and under, \$0; 3 - 11 years and Seniors 55+, \$6.50; 12 - 54 years, \$8.00. Don't forget to browse and enter your name on a few items during the Silent Auction!

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Ash Wednesday is March 5th and during the next five Wednesday 6:30 pm mid-week Lenten services we will be studying the Apostle Paul's first letter to his understudy, Timothy. His letter focuses on Paul's instructions to Timothy to help him deal with conflict in the church in Ephesus. Our study for week one will be "Timothy's Commission and Paul's Poems"

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Jan. 23	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 12:00 pm - Committee Report Deadline for 2024 Annual Report 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Fri.	Jan. 24	5:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Track Setup and practice runs
Sat.	Jan. 25	1:30 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby and Outlaw Races
Sun.	Jan. 26	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education
Mon.	Jan. 27	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Jan. 28	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at First Congregational 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Jan. 30	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Sun.	Feb. 2	8:00 am - Pack 3735 Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education 4:30 pm - Pack 2725 Committee Meeting
Mon.	Feb. 3	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Feb. 4	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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