

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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First Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2025

** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick
Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 148)**
L: Praise the Holy One! Praise God from the sanctuary and across the screen. Praise God in the morning and the evening...in the afternoon and at night!
P: Praise God all people, all nations, all generations! Praise the Holy One who forms and shapes us!
L: Let our adoration join with the angels! May our songs join with the saints!
P: Let us worship the Holy One with gladness! Let us worship our God in truth!
L: Praise the Holy One for their abiding presence! Praise God for their wondrous works!
P: Let the name of the Holy One be exalted forever and ever! Praise the Holy One!

***HYMN:** "The First Nowell" R100/Projected

***INVOCATION**
ALL: Holy Love, we delight in your presence among us. We anticipate your wisdom, assurance, and challenge. Soften our hearts, enliven our spirits, and expand our minds so that we may reflect your heart, spirit, and mind. Through our remembering, give us courage to face these times and hope to seek your kingdom. In the name of the One who came to us and lives and reigns with you, we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia"** by Jerry Sinclair
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
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WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 63:7-9
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CALL TO CONFESSION
L: God loves this world of flesh and blood, stone and tree, sheep and oxen, star and field. God loves the world so much that God comes to us in Jesus. Yet we are careless with God's creation. Let us confess our sin.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

ALL: How amazing is your love, great God! You are not distant from us in some faraway heaven, you have come close to us in a child born of simple parents and cradled in a borrowed bed of straw. We confess we abuse this created world. When we stand by while the earth is despoiled and its destruction threatened, God, forgive.

When we inflict physical or emotional pain on those with whom we share our lives, God, forgive. When we abuse or neglect our own bodies, God, forgive. By your great love, God, draw us into new ways of living. Teach us to cherish and nurture life in this fragile world, in the manner of Jesus the Christ, whose birth we celebrate today. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In compassion, God forgives us, enabling us to turn from the ways of violence and death; God shows us how to choose and cherish life. I say to you in the name of Jesus: Our sins are forgiven.

P: Rejoice and Sing! (blessing one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: Hebrews 2:10-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Christmas"

Projected

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

R93/Projected

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (UC of Canada)**

Projected

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

R99/Projected

MEDITATION: "Going Where God Calls Us"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Joy to the World"

R313/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Generosity is a spiritual gift and a discipline. Let us cultivate our practice of trusting in God's provision, abundance, and love by giving generously to meet the needs of our community and beyond.

*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: Wise God, we present these offerings to you and dedicate our time, talents, and treasures for your kingdom. May your will be done, our siblings needs be met, and your name be known through what we share in praise and thanksgiving for all you have given to us in time, talent, and treasure. 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



OUR SAVIOUR'S
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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.

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 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 a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Shirley Grams Dec 27, Tim Graff, Fred Malzhan, Cody Mundell, and Jason Nitz Dec 29

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 22	Livestream: 276	Total: 298
Sunday :	In-Person: 61	Livestream: 268	Total: 329

General Fund: \$2,555.00 OCWM: \$163.50 Capital Improvements: \$141.50

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

WORSHIP TEAM

A/V: Kelly Mundell/Judy Kueck **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS

Thank you to all who purchased the lovely red Poinsettias adorning our altar! Please don't forget to pick your plant up after service today.

Those not picked up with be kept in the East Narthex for you to pick up next week at your convenience. We are not able to donate plants to nursing homes, etc. any longer. Thank you!

PARISH NURSE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Nurse Emily will be holding her Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic (includes blood pressure checks) on Dec. 31st from 9:00 am until the church office closes at Noon. The church office is closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

NEW YEARS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a Thursday, 6:30 pm worship service in the Chapel on January 1st, New Years Day, for those who would like to attend. Communion will be served and all are welcome.

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: Sharri Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Bonnie Mundell, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, and 18 Unspoken.

MISSION BAKE SALE

The Missions Committee shared that the Holiday Bake Sale raised \$209! Thank you again, all who baked such delicious treats and all of those who bought them to brighten up their day (and lighten up the list on the To Do list for a lot of us)!

UPPER ROOM DEVOTION BOOKLET

The Called to Care Team apologies and wants you to know that there will not be any Upper Room Devotional booklets for the months of January and February. There was a mix-up on expiration dates for our subscription, so we've had to start a fresh one.

Unfortunately the January/February edition has already been printed and shipped so the first devotional booklets under the new subscription will be the March/April edition and should be available to pick up by mid-April.

HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS

Thank you so very much to all who contributed to Ripon Community Food Pantry's Family Holiday Meal Program this year. \$950 was contributed, which provides 19 families in our community to have a Christmas family dinner.

WWW WAITLIST AVAILABLE

Women's Wild Winter Weekend is Friday, February 20 through Sunday, February 22nd, with an option to go up Thursday, February 19th for an additional fee.

If you didn't call Jackie at 715-479-8255 in time, you can still call and ask to be placed on the waiting list. She indicates that most of the waiting list will be able to get in because the camp is working on having some additional housing ready.

Don't forget that OSUCC offers scholarships to all of our members, which covers the cost of this camp. Make sure to tell Jackie that you are a member of OSUCC so that she includes you on the single invoice they send directly to us.

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



Suggested items for December are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc. (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; protein bars; breakfast shakes; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; stuffing mix; shelf stable milk; flour; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; mustard; ketchup; salad dressing. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Dec 25	Merry Christmas! <i>The church and church office are closed.</i>
Sun.	Dec 28	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Tues.	Dec 30	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - St. Catherine's of Siena
Wed.	Dec 31	9:00 am - Noon - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Jan 1	Happy New Year! <i>The church office is closed.</i> 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Sun.	Jan 4	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Tues.	Jan 6	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders Meeting



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