



## 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.

## \*CONFESSION OF SIN

*ALL: Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing your love for all peoples, you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges, denying our connection with all those you love.*

*Forgive us, God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.*

## \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven.

**P: Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. Amen.**

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

A TIME OF LEARNING: Baptism: What is it? (LHofW) Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Bow Down Low" The Senior Choir

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed 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: "Holy Water" with We the Kingdom Projected

MEDITATION: "Beloved" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart" R277/Projected

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Beloved of God, we remember today who we are—a people formed in water and Spirit, held in love, and called to bring gentle justice to the world. We do not give out of guilt, or out of scarcity, or because the church needs to keep the lights on. We give because love takes form in us. We give because we belong to one another. We give because our lives are woven together with all creation. Our offering is the way we say: Yes—we will live as God's Beloved. Yes—we will stretch our hands toward compassion. Yes—we will join Christ in the work of healing. Let us, then, bring our gifts—our time, our treasure, our commitments, our lives—with joy.

**P: We give because we are God's Beloved, and we belong to one another.**

#### \*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: Holy One, Source of Living Water, you have gathered us in, washed us in grace, and reminded us that we are your Beloved. As water flows from its source to nourish field and forest, so let our giving flow outward—to nourish hope, to tend to healing, to join the slow and sacred work of renewing the world. Bless these gifts and bless the lives from which they come. We offer what we have and who we are, with joy and trust, Amen.***

#### BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

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\*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 RENEWAL

### Invitation

L: Beloved of God, today we remember that we are a people formed in water and Spirit. We remember that Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan, not because he needed to be cleansed, but to show us what it means to be fully human—to say yes to God, yes to belovedness, yes to the work of gentle justice.

***ALL: Today we step into that yes again. Acknowledging Our Need for Renewal***

L: We have known bruising. We have known moments we wish we could live again. We have known times when our flame burned low.

**P: We long to begin again.**

L: The One who stretches out the heavens is still stretching us—stretching our courage, stretching our compassion, stretching our capacity to love and to be loved.

**P: We open ourselves to be stretched into new life.**

L: Hear the good news: Nothing is sealed. Nothing is beyond mending. The story is not over. It has only just begun.

**P: All is forgiven. All is being made new.**

L: Can we begin again?

**P: Yes. By the grace of God, we will begin again. (Silent Reflection)**

### Blessing the Water

L: Holy One, you moved over the waters at creation. You carried your people through the sea and into freedom. Your Spirit descended upon Jesus in the river. Bless this water now. Let it awaken memory. Let it carry mercy. Let it stir our hearts toward your dream.

**P: Amen.**

### The Renewal

[After our sung benediction feel free to come up to the baptismal font, dip your fingers in and make a sign of the cross on your forehead and say, “I am a child of God, Loved and Forgiven, part of God’s family.”

[Rejoice and be glad. Remember your baptism. Remember that we begin again. Amen. Amen. Remember that Nothing separates us from the love of God.]

### Affirmation of Calling

L: We are the Body of Christ—not alone, but together.

**P: We are God’s beloved.**

L: The Spirit that was in Christ is in us.

**P: We are called to bring gentle justice.**

L: We will not break the bruised reed. We will not extinguish the smoldering flame.

**P: We will walk in compassion, courage, and joy.**

L: This is our covenant. This is our life together.

**P: Amen.**

Benediction

L: Beloved of God, you are the ones upon whom the Spirit rests. You are the ones God delights in. You are the ones called to bring gentle justice to the world. Go now as people who have passed again through the waters—washed in mercy, renewed in courage, and stretched wide in compassion. Do not fear the bruised reed. Do not turn away from the dimly burning flame. Let your tenderness be your strength, and your joy be your witness. For nothing-nothing in life or in death, nothing in the heights or the depths, nothing in the world as it is or in the world as it is becoming—can separate you from the love of God. Go in peace, to love and to live, in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Spirit who makes all things new.

**P: Amen.**



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 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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**Ross Barnett and Tina Kuehn Jan 9, Deanna Gehrke Jan 13**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 7	Livestream: 155	Total: 162
Sunday :	In-Person: 59	Livestream: 169	Total: 228

General Fund: \$5,712.00                      OCWM: \$245.50                      Capital Improvements: \$241.50

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** Kelly Mundell/Phil Wepner                      **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN WORK PARTY**

On Saturday, January 10th, at 9:00 am we will be gathering to take down the arch, several smaller trees, and the beautiful church decorations. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated! Do as much or as little as you are comfortable with, every bit helps get the work done. There is a rumor that there might be donuts at the work party just in case anyone feels faint from starvation. Thank you!

**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.*

**OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING**

It is almost that time of year already! Our Annual Meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary and is open to all voting members of the church. Copies of the Annual Report will be available 10 days before the meeting for you to take home and review.

We'll need all Committee and Group reports by Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. Please make sure to email your report to the church office, [osuccripon1@gmail.com](mailto:osuccripon1@gmail.com), so it can be compiled into the report document. Your committee reports are an important part of our Annual Report, so please help us hit our deadlines by getting them submitted on time. Thank you!

## 2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2026 contribution are still available to be picked up in the hallway just outside by the East Narthex.

If you need help finding yours, just call or email the church office and we can have your box waiting for you to pick up in the office instead. Thank you!

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Are you a member of OSUCC and a graduating high school senior planning to attend college or a tech school, or are you a post high school member who is already attending college or who would like to enroll in a tech school? If so, we might be able to help.

The 2026 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex by the presentation monitor, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door.

Applications must be submitted to the attention of the Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, April 1, 2026, either by mail or by dropping them off in our church office. Thank you!

## 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 January are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc.; dried fruits; boxed cereals; protein bars; crackers; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, beans, chili, stew; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; brown and white sugar; condiments; salad dressings.

Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!



### QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.



## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. Jan 8 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Jan 11 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Jan 12 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice  
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Jan 13 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran Church  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. Jan 15 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sat. Jan 17 Messenger Article Deadline
- Sun. Jan 18 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Jan 19 4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting  
5:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting  
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice  
6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Tues. Jan 20 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Immanuel UM Church  
5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting