

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany January 15 & 18, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 49:6-7)**

L: Listen to me, O Coastlands; pay attention, you people from far away!

P: God called us before we were born; we were named by God while in our mother's womb.

L: God made our mouths like sharp swords; in the shadow of God's hand, we were hidden.

P: God made us a polished arrow; in God's quiver, we were hidden away.

L: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

P: Kings shall see and stand up; princes shall prostrate themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One has chosen you.

***HYMN: "Christ is the World's True light"**

R143/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Knitter of our bones and namer of our being, we invite you to encompass us with your spirit. Everything we desire can be found in you. You desire wholeness for us and in us so now we draw nigh to receive from you and to share in you. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia"**

by Jerry Sinclair

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WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 49:1-7

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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: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-42

A TIME OF LEARNING: Baptism: What is it good for Projected
From Luther House of Worship

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Glory (Let There Be Peace)" Scott Street
Puppets

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: United Church of Christ (1957) 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: "Light of the World (sing hallelujah)" Projected
With We the Kingdom

MEDITATION: "We have found the Messiah" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

R105/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: In Heaven it's believed that there is no good thing lacking. There is no scarcity, no shortage. We have the opportunity today to mirror Heaven. Let's bring whatever we are led to the altar, so that abundance may flow and that God's people and house lack no good thing. Amen.

*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: Creator of heaven and earth, receive these offerings from our hearts and our hands. May they be used to bring heaven to the earth.

*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
 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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*Elaine Mortenson Jan 16, Emmersyn Langenfeld Jan 20,
Sandra Krueger and Kerry Respalje Jan 20*

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 5	Livestream: 124	Total: 129
Sunday :	In-Person: 62	Livestream: 240	Total: 302

General Fund: \$1,832.00 OCWM: \$74.50 Capital Improvements: \$102.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

A/V: Keith Mulder/Judy Lueck **Liturgist:** Diane Heyn **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

THANK YOU SO MUCH

A sincere Thank you to everyone who came out to help take our Christmas trees and decorations down last Saturday! The church looks a bit bare now, but that is to be expected as we enter the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on February 18th.

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be February 15th at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary and is open to all, though only members of the church are able to vote. Copies of the Annual Report will be available 10 days before the meeting here at the church for you to take home and review. If you are homebound, let the church office know and we'll arrange to get a copy out to you.

We need all Committee and Group reports by Thursday, January 22nd at Noon. Please make sure to email your report to the church office, 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!

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.*

2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

The 2025 contribution statements are available for pickup in the East Narthex on the table by the outside doors.

If you need help finding yours, just call or email the church office and we can have your item 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 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
1:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Clinic
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 Pinewood Derby Clinic

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Jan 22 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 24 9:00 am - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby
- Sun. Jan 25 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 26 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Jan 27 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1st Congregational Church
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Awards Night