

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Season of Epiphany January 22 & 25, 2026  
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*\* All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

### GREETING

L: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, the life and light of humanity. Great is God's love for us. Alleluia!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

**P: We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky; and like the Magi, we have come to worship.**

***ALL: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

\*HYMN: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

R218/Projected

### \*SENTENCES

L: Alleluia. We have seen the star in the East and have come to worship the Ruler of the Jews.

### \*INVOCATION

***ALL: We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in various ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name. Amen.***

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia"

by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 9:1-4

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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: Holy Companion of our difficult days, you call us toward what is new even when we feel worn or uncertain. We confess the weight we carry—worries we rehearse, the fears we nurture, the habits that hold us tight, patterns we cling to, the moments we turn from compassion, the truths we avoid. Unbind what tightens around our hearts. Lift what has grown too heavy. Make room in us for generosity, justice, and the courage to begin again. Shape us for your healing work as this new day unfolds. 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 1:10-18

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 4:12-23

**A TIME OF LEARNING:** “What is Epiphany?”

Projected

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Ode to Joy”

Sunday School Musicians

**\*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:** “Make Us One” with Chris Tomlin & Matt Maher

Projected

**MEDITATION:** “Unity in the Cross”

Rev. Mundell

**HYMN:** “In Christ there is no East or West”

R164/Projected

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

L: Faithful Friends, when burdens are lifted and the way before us opens, gratitude rises in us like a new day. The God who breaks the yoke of despair also invites us to join the work of healing, justice, and joyful community.

In thanksgiving for the mercy, we have received, and in hope for the world God is shaping, let us offer our gifts—our resources, our commitments, our lives—so that the way of compassion may grow wide enough for all. Let us give with courage and with joy. 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: O Way-Making God, you are the source of every mercy and every new beginning, we give thanks for the gifts gathered here and for the hope you are stirring among us. As you lift burdens from weary shoulders and open paths we could not see before, shape these offerings into acts of healing, deeds of justice, and lives of shared joy. With gratitude for all you are doing in us and through us, we dedicate these gifts to the work of compassion you entrust to our care. 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**  
 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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*Jon Badtke Jan 23, Laurie Cluppert, Buck Kwiatkowski, and Linda Winkler Jan 24,  
Beau Muller Jan 26*

### **ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 9	Livestream: 124	Total: 133
Sunday :	In-Person: 54	Livestream: 156	Total: 210

General Fund: \$2,047.00                      OCWM: \$215.00                      Capital Improvements: \$170.00

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

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** Kelly Mundell/Judy Lueck                      **Liturgist:** Jaime Prellwitz                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

### **OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary and is open to all, though only members of the church are able to vote. We encourage you to attend this meeting.

Thank you to all the committees and groups who have submitted their reports on time! 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.

### **DAVINCI'S LIVING LAST SUPPER**

Maundy Thursday is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and this year Grace Lutheran and OSUCC are collaborating to do a living Last Supper production based on DaVinci's beautiful painting of the event. This will take the place of a Maundy Thursday worship service and will be held at Grace Lutheran at 6:30 pm.

We are looking for 6 or more volunteers from OSUCC who are interested in being a disciple in the Last Supper or who would like to help with the production (lights, curtain, audio, makeup, costumes, etc.). Please email Jeremy Schouten, jcscooter78@gmail.com, as soon as possible if you are interested in being a disciple or production help. Thank you so much!

### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

We're still missing a lot of photos, but our new online church directory, Instant Church Directory, has been ready for roll out to the congregation and we're going to do that. Stay tuned for dates in February for more information and a helpful Learning Opportunity at Coffee Hour!

## 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.

## 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 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 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	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Awards Night

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Thur.	Jan 29	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 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Sun.	Feb 1	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion <b>10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily</b> 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Feb 2	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Feb 3	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Leaders Meeting

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sun.	Feb 8	<b>10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting</b>
Mon.	Feb 9	<b>6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting</b>
Thur.	Feb 12	<b>9:30 am - Called to Care Meeting</b>
Sun.	Feb 15	<b>10:00 am - Our Saviour's UCC Annual Meeting</b>
Mon.	Feb 16	<b>4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm - Christian Ed Meeting, 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting</b>
Tues.	Feb 17	<b>5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting</b>