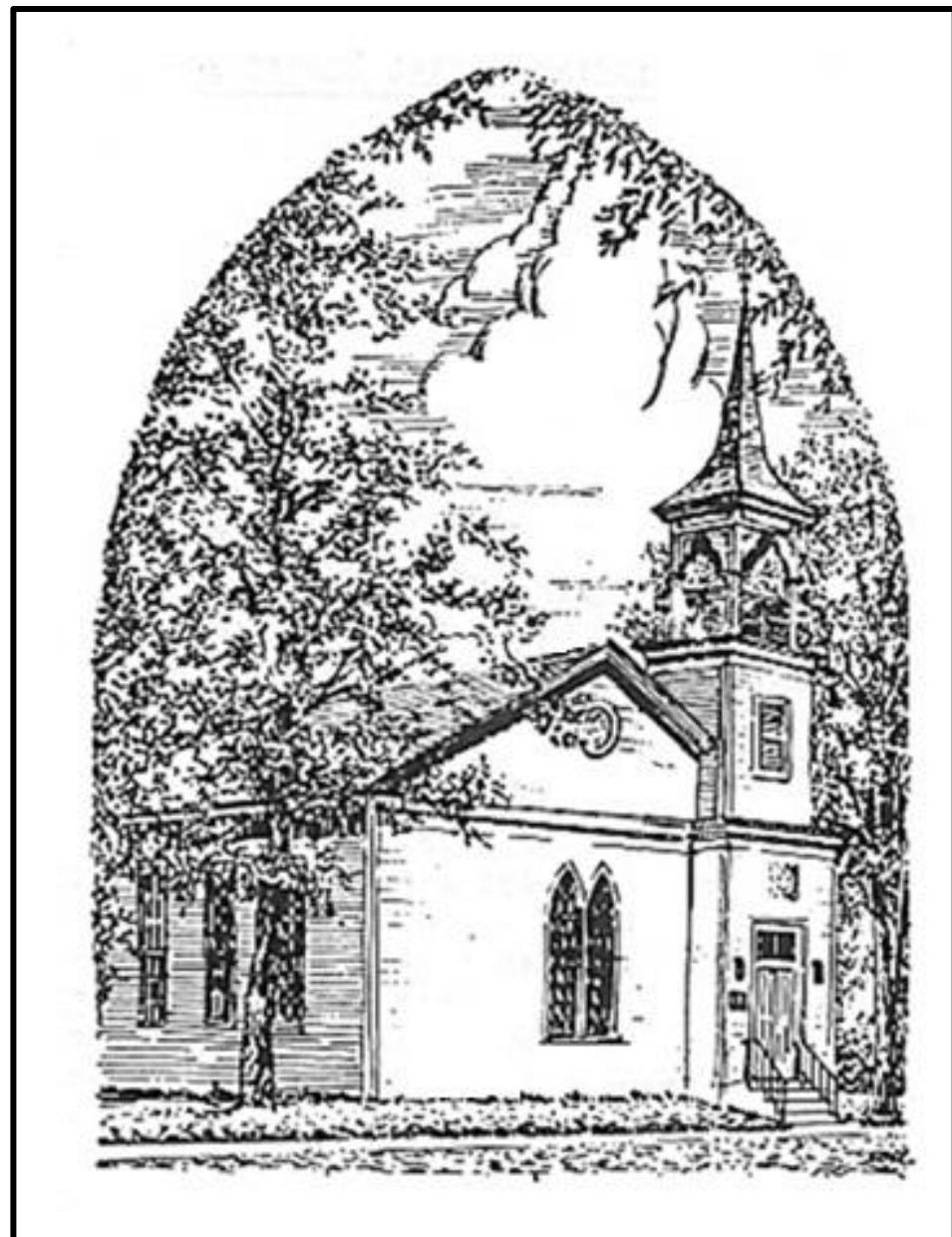


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The First Sunday After Epiphany

January 11th, 2026

Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship (*from Psalm 33*)

One: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

All: Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to the LORD with the harp of ten strings.

One: Sing to the LORD a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

All: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

* Hymn # 12 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. You have given us statutes to guide our lives, but we follow our own desires. We know of your laws, yet we try to justify our own way. You desire obedience, but we practice rebellion. You offer blessing, while we curse family, friends and neighbors. Make us mindful of how we corrupt and disorder your good intentions. Set us aright in accord with your design for all humankind. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

* Congregational Response #551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* Assurance of Pardon

* Congregational Response # 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

May God forever be our peace;

may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Children's Moment

Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34-38	<i>(Gentiles Hear the Good News)</i>	<i>New Testament, p. 121</i>
Isaiah 42:1-9	<i>(The Servant, a Light to the Nations)</i>	<i>Old Testament, p. 630</i>
Matthew 3:13-17	<i>(The Baptism of Jesus)</i>	<i>New Testament, p. 3</i>

Sermon

"Change for Good"

Elder Cathy Goodman

* Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed*

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.”

* Hymn # 482

“*Baptized in Water*”

*1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering
Offertory

* The Doxology – Hymn # 606 – *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn # 475 “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

***1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.***

***Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!***

***2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.***

***Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.***

***3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!***

***Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;***

*here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

* Charge and Benediction

* Response # 378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

*That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table the day when juystice reigns.*

* Postlude

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WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 11th – 18th

(* Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 – 3:00)

- **Sunday, January 11th**
 - 9:30 – Sunday School
 - 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)
- **Monday, January 12th**
 - 10-12 noon – Bethel Arts Ministry
 - 10-11 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
 - 7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Meeting (FH)
- **Tuesday, January 13th**
 - 11:00 a.m. – Fiber Arts
 - 1-4 p.m. – Vocal Lessons (S)
 - 5-7 p.m. – Girl Scouts
- **Wednesday, January 14th**
 - 5:45 p.m. - Choir Practice
 - 7:00 p.m. – Bell Practice
- **Thursday, January 15th**
 - 10-11 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
 - 10:00 a.m. – Book Club
- **Friday, January 16th**
 - 10-11 a.m. – Tai Chi (FH)
- **Saturday, January 17th**
 - 10:30-Noon – Tai Chi (FH)
- **Sunday, January 18th**
 - 11 a.m. - Worship (S)
 - 12:15 p.m. – Session Meeting

Childcare for infants and pre-school children
is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.
The Quiet Room is available during worship.

OUR PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for: Robinette Garner (*recovering at Knox Well Park Rehab from broken hip and stroke*); David Franchuk (*kidney removed, Ken Dungan's friend's son*); Barbara (*colon surgery recovery, friend of Vickers family*); Becky (*recovering from back surgery, sister of Jennifer Vandever's Aunt Kay*); Brenda (*painful bursitis flare, wife of Jennifer Vandever's father*); Julie Barber (*hip and back therapy*); Danny Morgan (*continued pulmonary testing, Joni Morgan's grandson*); Bill Swindler (*rehab Virginia, Fred Swinder's brother*); John (*Susan Holton's father*); Sharon Martin (*cancer leading to kidney failure, Elaine Steele's sister-in-law*); Anne Wright (*partial lung removal, Howard Gerth's sister*); Ray Lux (*pit bull attack surgery, Gerth family friend*); Annette Parsons (*broken wrist, Jan Rybka's sister*); Brenda Law (*liver issue, Vernon Law's daughter*); prayers for peace around the globe and for all those struggling with immigration issues, food insecurity, housing concerns, homelessness; prayers for holiday traveling; prayers of blessing for the imminent births to Katie & Joshua (*Judy and Jonathan Yeaworth's daughter*) and to Brandy & Bryson (*Linda and Travis Brown's grandson*), and joy for the engagement of Jay Boyd and Ellen Dailey (*Laura and Ted Dailey's daughter*). Gerald & Sandra Augustus (*brother-in-law & sister of Brenda Bunch*); Don and Una Coffman (*Sycamore Trace*); Rickey Gallaher (*Adam Gallaher's father*); Linda Gerth; Pat Hale; Marge Hettrick (*palliative care*); Nancy Landers; Vernon Law; Jeanette McElhinney; Jill McMaster; Anneke Oonk; Earl Price (*Becky Price's husband*); Carrie Vickers; Randy Vickers, Laura Walker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hands Of Mercy Food Pantry Collection

For the month of January, we will be collecting Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Chef Boyardee, etc.) to support the Hands of Mercy (H.O.M.E.) food pantry. All non-perishable food items are always gratefully accepted.



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