



**January 18, 2026**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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*Welcome to Christ Church!* We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## For your Reflection

*"Your own self-realization is the greatest service you can render the world."* -Ramana Maharshi

*"The greatest challenge in life is to be our own person and accept that being different is a blessing and not a curse. A person who knows who they are lives a simple life by eliminating from their orbit anything that does not align with his or her overriding purpose and values. A person must be selective with their time and energy because both elements of life are limited."* -Kilroy J. Oldster, Dead Toad Scrolls

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## Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Bring Many Names* - arr. Smith

Call to Worship Psalm 40:3, 5

One: Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise.

**Many: God had done wondrous deeds and is great beyond compare.**

\*Opening Hymn *He Has Made Me Glad* **Hymn #657**

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your Spirit this day that we too may witness to your light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Response *Glory to God* **Hymn #240**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## A Message for The Young and The Young at Heart

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 (NRSVUE)

Listen to me, O coastlands;

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born;

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Gift of Music

*One Bread, One Body* – Foley

Sanctuary Singers

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42 (NRSVUE)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Sermon

"Know Your Name"

Pastor Bob

\*Hymn

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*

**Hymn #551**

\*Statement of Faith

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**We believe in God, the Creator of all that is, whose only desire is life and blessing, and whose grace alone is our salvation.**

**We follow Christ, the Lamb of God, the Forgiving One, who revealed God by healing, loving, and blessing. By the Spirit of God that descended upon him, Jesus showed us a world ruled by God's grace alone. He forgave his enemies and taught us to do the same, gentle as a lamb. For his love he was crucified. But on the third day God raised him to new life. He lives among us still, granting to us his spirit of peace and love.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in all people, which makes us one; and God's power in us to live with compassion and courage. We are Christ's Body, the one Church. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. We devote ourselves as followers of the Lamb of God to lives of gentleness, forgiveness and compassion, that we ourselves may be lambs of God for the healing of the world.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*(see Weekly Newsletter for details)*

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: *Kathy B, Gloria H, Judy B, Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Nicole, Tom, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie*

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Generosity

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer God ourselves today, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love to Christ.

SCAN TO DONATE



### Offertory

*The Summons - Bell*

**\*Doxology      Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

### \*Holy Communion

One: God is with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**Many: We open them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**Many: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

One: Gracious One . . . In grateful joy we join all Creation in praise.

**Many: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*You may be seated*

Words of Remembrance

Prayer of Consecration

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Many: Pour out your Spirit on us,  
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,  
gentle as lambs among wolves,  
through our courage and love  
to participate in your work of the healing of the world,  
in the name of Christ.**

Breaking and Pouring

Distribution

Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts.  
Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them  
according to your will. Send us in the power of your Spirit as your  
lambs, to do justice, to practice mercy, to walk humbly and  
confidently with you in the ways of peace, for the sake of the  
healing of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*      **Hymn #698**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Song      *Now it's Time to Say Goodbye*  
**Now it's time to say goodbye  
To go on out from here  
To live the visions and the dreams  
To scatter hate and fear  
So may the Peace be with you now  
A peace that's filled with Grace  
May it surround all your struggles  
And everything you face.  
And may you find your own way  
To sing out love's own song  
With courage, tears and laughter  
And then to pass it on.  
Yes the time has come to say goodbye  
May peace be with you now**

Postlude      *We Are Marching* - S. African/arr. Hopson

## **THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH**

**Today:** Coffee Hour | Endowment Meeting after church

**Thursday, Jan 22:** Handbells, 9:30am

**Counters:** Danette Volz, Renolle Volz

**Greeters:** Ola Zyskiewicz & grandchildren

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT  
from the table in the chapel. Thank you!**

**Christ Church Paper Drive** | The Divine Intervention warming room is in need of paper products, specifically paper towels and toilet paper. A collection box for donations is located outside the office near the Lenox Street entrance. We will be collecting these items throughout January and February.

**Prayer Shawls** | A number of folks in our congregation have been making beautiful prayer shawls for those who are in need of being surrounded in healing love and prayer. If you know of someone who is in need of a prayer shawl to remind them that God and this community is surrounding them with love and care, please take one to them. If you are in need of this reminder of healing love, take one for yourself. These are wonderful gifts for those who are undergoing treatments for cancer or heart disease or some other difficult ailment. They are also great spiritual reminders for those who are grieving or feeling particularly alone. Prayer Shawls are a way of our saying, "our church is with you and we surrounding you with our healing care. May you feel the presence of the Sacred every time you place this around you." You will find a basket of prayer shawls in the chapel. Please feel free to pick one up for yourself, or for someone who may need one.

**MANY THANKS** | A HUGE thanks to everyone who contributed to our hat and mitten collection. We had so many items we are able to donate to Trowbridge, Bruce Guadalupe, and Humboldt Park Schools. We collected 400 hats, 60 scarves and 12 hat and mitten sets. A special thanks to Ken Klockow's group from Wilson Commons for their generous donation. Thanks, *Your Social Concerns Committee*

**Paws for the Season THANK YOU!** | Thank you to all those who participated in our first holiday pet blessing event. We had seven dogs and owners stop by for pictures and pet blessings. Two dogs and their families had driven from neighboring parts of the city to attend our event. The membership committee will be reviewing the event and discussing additional opportunities for pet blessings in the future.



Monthly Activity	December	YTD
Contributions	\$23,473	\$161,315
Other Income	\$7	\$42,904
Total Income	\$23,480	\$204,219
Expenses	\$12,593	\$216,578
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$178,400

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