

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus Jan. 4 & 7, 2024

** All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People
Prelude Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather in the Light that was before, is now, and ever will be.

P: We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.

L: We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

P: We live into the Light's new wisdom.

L: We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

P: We seek to share this wisdom, nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.

***HYMN:** "Hark, the Glad Sound" R82/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God of Light and Love, in this very moment the star still beckons. Gather us and let the star call us to new ways of healing and hope, restoration, and renewal, as we discover again Christ's call to discipleship. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Spirit of the Living God" B283/Projected
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Genesis 1:1-5

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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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.**

Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Acts 19:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: Baptism: What is it? Projected
From Luther House of Study

***STATEMENT OF FAITH:** Apostle's Creed (old language) 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "We Three Kings" Voices ala Carte

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: "Come to the Water" with Matt Maher Projected

MEDITATION: "Baptized" Rev. Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Because, O God, you have manifested yourself in Jesus the Christ, begotten from the heart of your love, Word of Truth, Light of Light, we give you thanks and praise and we give back from our abundance in gratitude.

OFFERTORY

***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 (Responsive)**

ALL: Loving God may these gifts reveal to us and to others the Light that is Jesus. And may this Light lead us on into new and challenging ways of living and serving. Amen.

HYMN: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

R105/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

***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**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sat.	January 6	9:00 am - OSUCC Christmas Take Down - Volunteers Welcome
Sun.	January 7	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion 1:00 pm - Pinewood Derby Clinic till 6 pm
Mon.	January 8	6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	January 9	6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Parent/Leader Meeting 6:00 pm - Pinewood Derby Clinic till 7 pm 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting till 7:30 pm
Thur.	January 11	5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun.	January 14	9:00 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary 4:00 pm - AOL Pack 3735 Meeting
Mon.	January 15	4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Education Meeting 6:15 pm - Scott Street Puppeteers Practice 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues.	January 16	6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting till 7:30 pm
Thur.	January 18	9:00 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in Chapel

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND EVENTS

Sun.	January 21	Pinewood Derby Clinic, 1 pm - 6 pm
Tues.	January 23	Pinewood Derby Clinic, 6 pm - 7 pm
Fri.	January 26	Pinewood Derby Track Setup and Practice Runs, 5 pm Committee Annual Reports due into the Church Office by Noon
Sat.	January 27	Pinewood Derby Day, 9 am - 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your 2024 Pledge envelopes in the hallway outside the East Narthex. Thank you!



We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on or Sunday's at 9:00 am and Thursday's at 6:30 pm

Sunday Service is broadcast live via radio at 11:00AM on WRPN, AM station 1600.

All worship services are livestreamed to our Social Media Platforms and available at your convenience. If you're viewing worship from one of our Social Media Platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you're worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad Winkelman.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Jessica Klettke, January 7, Ross Barnett and Tina Kuehn, January 9,
Deanna Gehrke and David Hahn, January 13*

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

In-Person:	Thursday 6:30 pm: 7	Sunday 9:30 am: 45
Livestream Views:	Thursday: 102	Sunday: 110
General Fund: \$3,149.00	OCWM: \$49.30	Capital Improvements: \$73.00

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

9:00 AM WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Bob Meyer

Liturgist: Dianne Heyn

Musician: Nicole Burdick

BULLETIN SPONSOR

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Allan and Elaine Mortenson in honor of both of their birthdays this month.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2024 following the 9:00 AM Worship Service. We hope all will make the time to be present and take part in this important process for our religious community here at OSUCC.

The Annual Report will be published 10 days prior to the meeting, so to make that deadline we do need all of the committees to have their 2023 annual committee reports completed and either emailed to the church office at osuccripon1@gmail.com or dropped off to the church office by noon on January 26, 2024. Your reports are incorporated into the Annual Report so electronic versions are very much appreciated. Thank you!



OSUCC LOGO TOTE BAGS AVAILABLE

The Evangelism Committee has designed OSUCC Logo Tote Bags! They are very attractive and come in 4 color combinations—black/lime green, black/pink, black/red, black/blue. The bags are \$12 and are available in the Church Office Monday - Thursday or after worship service in the East Narthex.

WOMEN'S WILD WINTER WEEKEND 2024

The theme for this year's camp at Moon Beach is Prayer, and the camp is scheduled for February 23 – 25, 2024. Activities include bible study, book discussions, crafts, hiking, choir, silent auction, movies, board/card games, and reading or just relaxing by the fireplace. Oh, and eating. Definitely eating. We are told the food there is amazing!



To register, call Moon Beach directly at 715-479-8255 to take advantage of the OSUCC scholarship that covers our members registration fees. Please do not register online on the website.



MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

RECOMMENDED Food Items *for the month of January* are:

Peanut Butter, dry pasta, pasta sauce, baby food, apple sauce, crackers, canned soups, canned fruits, cereal, dried fruit, and granola bars.

These can be brought to the East Narthex. It is always best to buy canned items with a pull-tab to open with ease.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Kathy Luedke, Tara Koller, Pat Schaub, Bob Schouten, Edna Schwandt, the family and friends of Kathleen Ryan as they grieve her loss, 21 Unspoken, and all others.*



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Thanks to all those who helped ring the bells at Websters: Sue Meyer, Donna Henslin, Nancy Henning, Mary and Jim Schultz, Judy Lueck, Amy & Steve Borgardt, Boni Jensen, Pat Gittens, Kelly Mundell, Rev. Mundell and our Confirmands with their mentors. Well done all, thank you!

BULLETIN AND MESSENGER INFORMATION DEADLINES

If you are interested in getting information placed in the **bulletin** or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, please email the office or drop off by **Tuesday at 11am.**

Events, committee updates, etc. for the February **Messenger** should be submitted by Saturday, **January 20th.** These may be emailed to the office or dropped off at the church office.