

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

Jan 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand*

Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also, with you

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Adams

*The Call to Worship

Sign of wonder.

God's love graced to humanity in Jesus.

Sign of community.

Christians together, singing, learning, worshiping, giving and serving.

Sign of the times.

Getting and spending does not satisfy, but the Way of Jesus leads to the true life.

* Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#16

**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 thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've 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.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, 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.**

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

O God, source of all goodness, your grace comes fresh every morning. We praise you for your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in your constant care, for you are faithful in love for all people, offering the world salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
**Child of God your loving parent,
 Learn to listen for God's call
 Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
 Trust and love God more than all.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Scriptures: John 1:29-42**

The Lamb of God ²⁹ 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!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The First Disciples of Jesus ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ 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?" ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² 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).

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message*** Hymn***"I Love to Tell the Story"*

#480

**I love to tell the story
 of unseen things above,
 of Jesus and his glory,
 of Jesus and his love.
 I love to tell the story
 because I know 'tis true;
 it satisfies my longings
 as nothing else can do.**

**[Refrain:]
 I love to tell the story,
 'twill be my theme in glory,
 to tell the old, old story
 of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story
 'tis pleasant to repeat
 what seems, each time I tell it,
 more wonderfully sweet.
 I love to tell the story,
 for some have never heard
 the message of salvation
 from God's own holy word. [Refrain]**

**I love to tell the story,
 for those who know it best
 seem hungering and thirsting
 to hear it like the rest.
 And when, in scenes of glory,
 I sing the new, new song,
 'twill be the old, old story
 that I have loved so long. [Refrain]**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Give Generously

(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

Smith

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

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

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn

"God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

#439

God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyous sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful,
to your truth may we be found.

Benediction

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Announcements

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Andy Kissel,
Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Melanie Spangler.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

01/25/26 Service Liturgist: Susie Pisoni Usher Team: Larry Sontag Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Steve Hawkinson Special Music: Handbells	02/01/26 Service Liturgist: Mary Polt Usher Team: John Bartelt Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jan Boehm Special Music: Flautist	02/08/26 Service Liturgist: Craig Bielke Usher Team: Phil Difani Technology: Steve Hawkinson Fellowship/Lockup: Jan Boehm
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... Looking Ahead

Sun	01/18/26	11:00 AM	Budget Café January 18
Mon	01/19/26		MLK Office Closed
Tue	01/20/26	1:00 PM	Movie “The Ultimate Life”
Thu	01/22/26	5:30 pm	Table Fellowship
Sun	01/25/26	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	01/25/26	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting January 25
Tue	01/27/26	6:30 pm	Women's Game Night
Sun	02/01/26	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Tue	02/03/26		Bimonthly Newsletter
Thu	02/05/26	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Mon	02/16/26	6:00 PM	Council Meeting

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

...Save the Date: VBS July 13-17th

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services. You can join us live or watch the YouTube later.

Facebook: Find the
livestream here:



YouTube: View the
video here:



Website: Find more
Info here:



Offering



Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code



Tue, 01/20 1 pm
Movie “The Ultimate Life”



Thu, 01/22 5:30 pm
Table Fellowship
Addie's Thai House



Tue, 01/27 6:30 PM
Women's Game Night

Lydia's House Shopping List

Our annual donation drive for Lydia's House begins Sunday, January 18 and will end on Sunday, March 8. Please choose your gift from the following list of most needed items.

Household Needs:	Toiletries:
Pots and pans (new)	Toilet paper
Microwaves (new only)	Paper Towels
13-gallon trash cans	Cleaning Supplies:
Small Dish Drainers	Dish soap
CFL Bulbs (60 w/100w)	Kitchen mops and buckets (rag style only)
Kitchen towels and washcloths	Brooms and dust pans
Bath Towel Sets	Laundry detergent
(face, hand, body)	Pine-sol
new only, neutral colors	Latex gloves
Twin-size sheet sets (new only)	Children's Needs:
Twin-Size Blankets	Children's bedspreads and comforters
Twin-size Mattress covers	Baby Sheets (neutral color, new only)
(zippered plastic and waterproof)	Diapers (size 4,5)
Heavy duty flashlights	Pull-Ups (all sizes)
Potholders	Giftcards:
	Schnuck's, Aldi, Target, Walmart
	Home Depot or Lowe's

**Please feel free to take this back page with you
and use it as a shopping list.**