

Church of Christ, Congregational

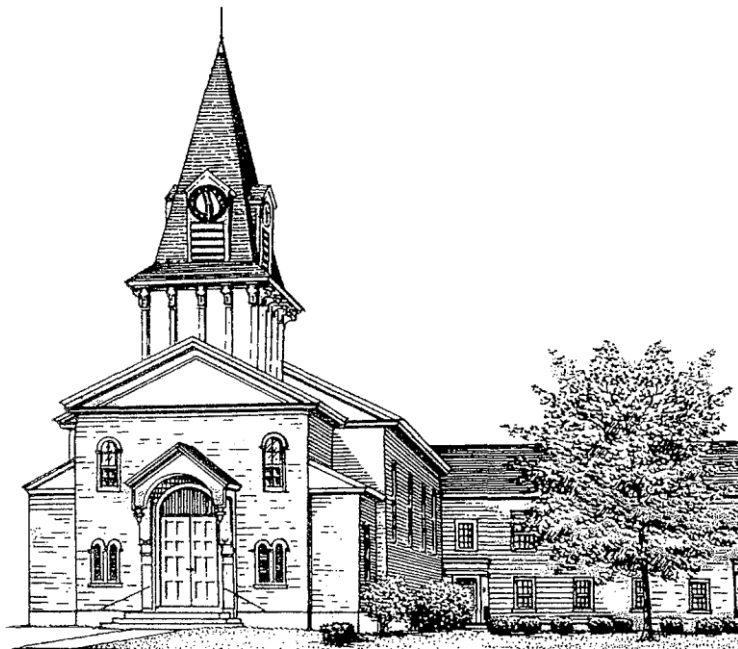
United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.

Following Christ's example,
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



January 4, 2026

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Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love

Sunday January 4, 2026 at 10:00am
Epiphany Sunday

*Indicates standing if you are able
B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

arr. Sandra Eithun

Welcome/ Announcements

Gathering Music *Instrumental*

***Call To Worship**

One: In our search for deliverance,

All: God draws us into the heart of Love.

One: Guiding us through lands unknown,

All: God companions us on the journey

One: With the Holy as our guide,

All: we will encounter Christ incarnate.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

Mysterious One, throughout the ages you have been revealing yourself in new ways, drawing us more deeply into relationship with you. In Christ, you took on flesh that we might recognize your presence with us—weeping with us, eating with us, struggling and dreaming with us. Keep us open, O God, to the ways you continue to reveal your love in our midst today. Amen

***Hymn B#546** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

A Time For Children Of All Ages

Passing the Peace of Christ & Receive Your Star Word

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Journey of the Magi

***Hymn R#101** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

Prayer Response *Instrumental*

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

arr. Rawsthorne

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Holy One, in a spirit of awe we offer these gifts. For you have led us to Love, invited us to linger in its presence, and promised us that no matter where we go, Love will go with us. May these offerings also be swept up into the embrace of Love to be channeled in the direction of all who hunger for your presence. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion See Insert

***Hymn R# 118** *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

*Benediction

Postlude *Three Kings Fantasy*

by Gregg Sewell

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the
prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via
phone

Call or text (774)-993-9407



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Sacrament of Communion—Epiphany
Adapted from the enfleshed liturgy library

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: We open our hearts to you, O God

One: Let us give thanks to God, who welcomes the stranger

**All: To the One who reaches across every division, we
give thanks and praise**

In wonder of your expansive embrace, we give you praise, O God. Through your radical welcome, you reveal the limitations of our own imaginations. Like the magi guided by the light of a star through foreign territory, you call us all towards you. You lead your people across borders and into lands of curious and different. You strengthen us as we journey, learning and unlearning stories about one another. Gathered in your presence, we come to recognize the gifts of community in diversity.

**Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna among us**

You move in mysterious way, O God. This journey with you is filled with more questions than answers. Each time we think we have you figured out, you surprise us again, revealing yourself in new ways.

In Jesus, we saw your radical welcome of strangers extended in challenging ways. Ways that disrupt our traditions and unsettle our comfort zones. Jesus broke religious rules in order to include all people. He lifted up the sacredness of the people and places deemed unclean. He cared more about the well-being of the

oppressed than his own reputation. Jesus taught us to rethink your presence among us, but we couldn't accept it. Resistant to transformation, your people sent him to the cross.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

"This is my body which is give for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was killed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

May the same Spirit that lifted Christ from the grave be poured out on these gifts. Fill us with the courage and faith to join you in the work of tearing down walls that exclude and pointing to the Sacred in the margins.

All are invited to come forward to receive communion.

Communion Music: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Anthonly Giamanco

Prayer After Receiving:

God, this meal we shared together is a remembrance of your radical embrace. May it strengthen us as we open our minds and hearts to new ways of recognizing your presence among us. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 4

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, January 5 ~ M& M's

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

Sunday, January 11

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, January 18

Volunteer Sunday

Come to worship to hear about the church's roles and how you can
get involved.

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, January 25

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments

11:15am ~ Book Club

Growing Up Judean in Turbulent Times

By Joan Taylor