

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel of John

Menu: Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by Monday, 1/12 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/6: Men's Bible Study (7:15)
- 1/7: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- 1/8: Circle of Faith (10:00)
- 1/10: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 1/13: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- 1/20: Finance Meeting (6:00)
- 1/21: Nurture Committee (10:00)
- 1/22: Circle of Faith (10:00)
- 1/22: ELC Board Meeting (5:30)
- 1/24: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (10:00)
- 1/25: Leader Training (11:30)
- 1/25: Trustees Meeting (11:30)

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany



WORSHIP GUIDE

Clare's Closet continues during all Food Pantry Saturdays through March. The collection box is in the connector for donations of **new or gently used winter wear:** coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and scarves.

Food Pantry Items - January

- Laundry Detergent
- Canned Foods with pop-tops
- Dish Detergent
- Crackers in sleeves

Help your neighbors in need.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector

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Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

PRELUDE

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out to the Lord in times of need.

People: The God of heavenly hosts will be our hope and strength.

Leader: For those who love God, zeal for God's house is all consuming;

People: but those who dishonor God will cast aside the faithful.

Leader: Sing praise to God, and exalt God's name with thanksgiving.

People: Those who serve God will dwell in God's house forever.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

#213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.

People: We humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.

Leader: We have not loved You with a pure heart.

People: We have not loved our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Leader: We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You.

People: Holy God, in Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us.

Leader: In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

People: Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us.

People: Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

(Leave time for silent reflection)

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and new life springs up within us, so repent, and believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-8

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION Supplement #3124
"How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY #94

GOSPEL READING John 2:13-25

ANTHEM
"Christ Be Praised"

SERMON Rev. Gary Ihfe
"A House Made Holy"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Screen

"God of Justice"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go*

POSTLUDE William Diane/
"To God Be the Glory" Arr. by Douglas Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, January 25, we are having a training event for all members of First Church committees and teams. We will meet after worship for lunch in the fellowship hall then begin the training and orientation. Lunch and childcare are provided.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Layne Maddox is our new Office and Communications Coordinator. They will be available in the church office Monday and Friday from 9am until noon and Wednesday from 1pm until 4pm. You can reach them directly at layne.maddox@1stchurchjc.org

Prayer List

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| Randy & Pat Adams | Robin Potter |
| M B | Donna Robbins |
| Family of Alan Chapman | Hannah Sage |
| Kathy & Eddie Deakins | Russell Scholz |
| Alan Demascus | Rebecca Smith |
| Phyllis Eckerson | Tommy Thomson |
| Art & Vivian Eckerson | Family of Katie Walker |
| Tom Eorgan | Family of Grier Washam |
| Clint Ferguson | Anna Grace West |
| Terri Fleenor | Manna House |
| Family of Wayne Flint | Family of Aurora |
| Jim Furches | Nicole Blevins & family |
| Tony Gentry | Family of Bob May |
| Jennifer Greene | |
| Karen Hall | |
| Hannah Hensley | |
| Joanne Hoke | |
| Scott Huff | |
| Tricia Huffman | |
| Johnny & Peggy Humphreys | |
| Keith & Jean Jones | |
| Anna Kapoor | |
| Linda Kostreva | |
| Dave McGaha | <u>New Additions:</u> |
| Jim & CarolAnne Milliken | Fred Tucker |
| Jason Mills | Family of Ophelia Olson |
| Don Parsons | |
| Joanne Peterson | |