

*HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” 187

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION The Cornerstone of Beaver County–Marie Timpano

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN “ Lord, I Need You” (insert)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture for January 25: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



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Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

January 18, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Patti Strominger

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars: the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

In being baptized by John in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him as your Son. Like a dove, your Spirit descended on him, anointing him as the Christ, to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives; to restore sight to the blind and free the oppressed. We praise you that in our baptism we are joined to Christ and, with all the baptized, are called to share his ministry. Amen

***HYMN** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" 688

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in peace. Amen

Making Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

My friends the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***RESPONSE** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S CHAT

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

ANTHEM "Silent Night"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "My Beloved"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Confession of 1967, 9.51)

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to [us in our] need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat
Adult Sunday School - at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

Wednesdays –Story Time is on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 am

Sunday, January 18–Choir sings

Sunday, January 18–Fellowship following worship serving coffee and donuts

Sunday, January 25–Worship Committee Meeting following worship

Sunday, February 1– Baptism of Eva McCowin

Sunday, February 1–Annual Meeting

Monday, February 2–Finance Committee @6pm

Monday February 2–Property Committee @6:30pm

The Deacons are requesting donations for the food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on health and beauty products – Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant. Donations can be placed in the bin in the back of the church

We are looking for anyone interested in providing special music on those Sundays that the Choir is not singing. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the Choir Room

Contributions Year to Date–\$207,913

Expenses Year to Date–\$202,079

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim William, Bonnie Martin, Cheryl Lachowicz

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”