

***Classic Worship at 9:00 am***

**PRELUDE** Dr. Ann Behrens  
*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* Kenneth Kosche  
*Processional* Franklin Ashdown  
*Nun danket alle Gott* Albert Travis

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**  
*Seek the Lord* George Day

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
A kind word opens a closed flower.  
**A soul-deep prayer lifts the clouds.**  
A generous gift loosens hardened hearts.  
**A quiet deed catches another’s attention.**  
A heartfelt forgiveness releases new possibilities.  
**Each act of love, each measure of care,**  
Weaves another strand in God’s kingdom  
**And causes the heart to sing.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
We are living, Lord God, in troubling and difficult times. Our lives seem to be confused, and we are full of fear. Help us in this time of worship to see clearly the life of Jesus and to know his ways. May we learn step-by-step how to follow this teaching. May we, as did Jesus, live lives filled with love. Remind us of the power of your love and set before us compassion, gentleness, forgiveness and peacemaking. May we, too, feel a sense of calling as we live and serve in a world of need and injustice. In the name of our Lord, who lived as a servant. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 398** *JESUS CALLS US*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM**

*O God Beyond All Praising* Linda Lamb

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Steven Strite

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18: 21-35

**MESSAGE** Pastor Rachel Stockle  
“How Many?”

**\*HYMN # 389** *FREELY, FREELY*

**MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**  
*Sonata No. 1* Johann Naumann

**\*DOXOLOGY # 95**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 2140** *SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**  
*Praise!* Dennis Eliot

***Flowers are presented by Ron Howell and  
family in memory of Ellen Howell.***

***Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.***

**WELCOME**

**WELCOME SONG** *I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**PRAISE BAND** *WHAT AN AWESOME GOD*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAISE BAND**  
*THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18: 21-35  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Rachel Stockle  
“How Many?”

**SONG** *ALL MY HOPE*

**BENEDICTION**

The people of this church are missionaries in the city.

**The staff members are:**

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor  
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of  
Praise Team  
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist,  
and Chancel Choir Director  
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director  
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director  
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin.  
Assistant  
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager  
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant  
Glory Messan, A/V Tech  
Rob Davis, Custodian

**9 am Greeters –**

**9 am Ushers – Laura Hampsmire & Carol Gilliland**

**11 am Greeters –**

**11 am Ushers – Jim Weede**

**Gathering Place Host – Chris & Kim Larson**

**Don't Forget!**

- **Lenten Study- “Why did Jesus Have to Die?”**  
Daytime or Zoom options?
- **February 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday**
- **February 16<sup>th</sup> - Presidents day, offices are *closed*.**

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**SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

**MONDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Care Team

**5:30 pm** – Evangelism Community Care  
and Fun & Fellowship

**TUESDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am** – Quilters

**6 pm** – WOW @ Sprouts

**WEDNESDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:45 pm** – Praise Band

**5 pm** – Bible study

**SUNDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

**MONDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Presidents Day**

**Offices are *closed***

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ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.  
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*Our mission is to love God and  
share Christ, as we support each  
other and serve our community.*



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
February 8, 2026