

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Theme: Bridging to the Future



“Lift up your eyes and look around; see what is to come.”

Isaiah 60:4

GATHERING

Prelude: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” – Gerald Peterson

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?

People: A light to all the nations!

Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are we called to be?

People: A light to all the nation

Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are we called to be?

People: A light to all the nations!

Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are we called to be?

People: A light to all the nations!

Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

People: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. AMEN

*Hymn: #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Gracious and Loving God, hear our prayer today as we come into Your presence. For all the ways we live our lives imperfectly, help us to learn. We know we do not always live as we ought. There are times we turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We admit that we dim Your light within us by choices we make, or with pride, or self-righteousness, or our need

for control. We know that You love us, that You do not abandon us, and that again and again You call us back, back to love, back to grace, back to Your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! AMEN!

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42

Sermon: “Searching Outward”

*Hymn: #468 “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive our gifts offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: "O Zion, Haste" (*Please see insert*)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: As we leave this place, remember: God, who chose us before our birth, who calls us and knows us by name, now sends us out into the world.

People: We go to bring light to those in darkness, comfort to those who grieve, hope to those who despair.

Leader: And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be among us and within us. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: "Recessional on 'St. Denio'" Gordon Young
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

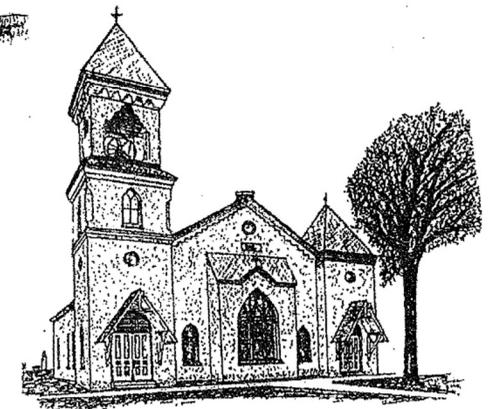
Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Person this week is: **Milton Hostetter**

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