

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026~9:30 A.M.**

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

**God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

**God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.**

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

**We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN.....“The Church’s One Foundation” .....UMH #545, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

UNISON PRAYER

**God of all creation, who called every being into life, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor, from meeting people of different cultures, and faith communities with respect and, in silence, we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships. In Christ, we are reconciled, and so we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.**

ANTHEM..... “We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light” .....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**Steadfast Light of our salvation, You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear, but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.  
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

**Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!  
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN..... "We Are the Church" .....UMH #558, vs. 1-4

MESSAGE..... "Good Influence" .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.  
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.  
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.  
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.  
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN..... "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" .....TFWS #2129

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Benedictine Owatonna:** Les Wells

**Colony Court:** Margaret Dahnert

**Foxdale:** Sherry Scholljegerdes

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, Roger Walker, the people of Minneapolis, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Our charge conference will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room, prior to beginning our regular Leadership Team meeting.

Pastor Dong will be out of the office January 29 through February 3 attending a course for his Doctorate of Ministry. Rev. Jon Schultz will be leading our worship service on Sunday February 1. We will have communion on Sunday, February 8.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Thursday, January 29 at 1:00 in the Hansel & Gretel Room. A couple of our regular folders are currently away for the winter so the folding group would welcome some extra hands if you're available.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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01/25/2026 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
01/27/2026 (Tues.)	7:00pm – Leadership Team Meeting & Charge Conference (Gathering Room)
01/28/2026 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
02/01/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room   \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am to 1:00pm

**Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 to 12:30pm

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